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Mayoral candidate Brandon Johnson, right, shares the stage with U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., at the University of Illinois at Chicago on Thursday. **CHRIS SWEDA/ CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Former U.S. Rep. Bobby Rush announces his endorsement of Paul Vallas for mayor, during a news conference at Beloved Community Christian Church of God in Christ in the Bronzeville neighborhood on March 21. **E. JASON WAMBSGANS/ CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

THE END OF A RUN

BRANDON JOHNSON ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

Banter, invocations of Black forebears — and promises of a Chicago brimming in 'vibrancy'

By Alice Yin, Gregory Pratt and Hank Sanders
Chicago Tribune

Diane Thunderbird eagerly waited in the community room at her Auburn Gresham senior home as a stream of supporters inching toward Brandon Johnson gradually thinned with each handshake and side hug.

When she got her chance, the 65-year-old who has lived at the New Pisgah Haven Homes since 2021 cut straight to the chase.

"I want to vote for you so bad," she told the Chicago mayoral candidate, but she had concerns about the Cook County commissioner's position on policing.

"Why would you defund them?" Thunderbird asked. "They are leaving in droves; they are leaving the force in droves."

Johnson nodded and then spoke in a hush.

"Yeah, I'm not going to defund the police," Johnson said. "It's a lie, sister."

As the two continued, their voices overlapping in crosstalk, Thunderbird tried to follow-up but Johnson interjected: "I didn't say it," he said. "I didn't."

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PAUL VALLAS ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

'Wonkish' and 'long-winded' spiels, boundless anecdotes — and a laser focus on crime

By Gregory Pratt, Alice Yin and Hank Sanders
Chicago Tribune

Paul Vallas glanced around the room at an LGBTQ community event in Lakeview as he proudly played up his early support for same-sex marriage.

But soon, the focus turned to an issue that's caused the Chicago mayoral candidate to visibly wince on the campaign trail: repeated attacks from rival Brandon Johnson claiming that Vallas opposes the teaching of Black history and has palled around with right-wing extremists.

"It's frustrating when somebody calls you a racist," he said, unprompted. "Racists don't do 55% minority contractors. Racists don't go to New Orleans when 110 of the 120 schools have been destroyed by Hurricane Katrina and were uninhabitable."

Vallas has studiously avoided discussing race since advancing to Tuesday's mayoral runoff election as the front-runner. When it's come up, he has almost always deflected, dismissing Johnson's censures as "rhetoric."

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Illinois Republicans do an about-face on mail-in voting

GOP chair: 'We have to play to win under the existing rules'

By Rick Pearson and Jeremy Gorner
Chicago Tribune

As another election approaches, the Illinois Republican Party and its allies are facing a conundrum — urging followers to cast ballots by mail while trying not to alienate followers of former President Donald Trump, who continues to insist that mail-in votes are "automatically corrupt."

Though most elections on Tuesday are officially nonpartisan, Republicans and allied groups are actively backing candidates in municipal, school and library board and other races.

The state GOP is pushing the use of mail-in ballots at the same time it is promoting "election integrity" training featuring a 2020 election denier. But the party's chairman has acknowledged the GOP faces an "uphill battle" if it doesn't jump in on voting by mail, even as the party hedges its language to appease the GOP core where Trump continues to hold strong sway.

For decades, Democrats have made absentee voting, and more recently, no-excuse voting by mail, a large part of their get-out-the-vote repertoire with great success. Republicans, even before Trump became a powerful force in GOP politics, preferred in-person voting, usually on the traditional election day.

Mail-in voting has increased steadily in Illinois, jumping from about 9% of the total ballots cast in 2018 to one-third of the ballots in the pandemic 2020 general election, according to the State Board of Elections. In last November's midterm, balloting by mail represented more than 19% of the total ballots cast.

Three years ago, the Cook County Republican Party, represented by a legal group founded by and associated with the right-leaning Illinois Policy Institute, went to federal court in an unsuccessful attempt to

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'There's more than one way to frame a memory'

How Chicago sports teams — and fans — are evolving in digital ticket age

By Meghan Montemurro
Chicago Tribune

Twenty-seven years ago, a Hanukkah gift produced a memento Jack Silverstein still holds on to, stashed in a box in his Humboldt Park home.

To anyone else, the Chicago Bulls game against the Cleveland Cavaliers on Feb. 20, 1996, might be meaningless. For the 41-year-old Chicago sports historian and fan, Silverstein's ticket stub from that game marks the only time he saw Michael Jordan and the '96 Bulls play in person: Section 319, Row 10, Seat 7 at the United Center.

"You always hear about a famous game that was half empty, but years later, if you base it on the number of fans that say they attended, it sounds like it was standing room only," Silverstein said. "That's a big part of what a ticket stub was all about. It was

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Cubs fans scan their electronic tickets as they enter for a game against the Brewers on opening day at Wrigley Field on Thursday. **JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

> ***"Now you don't have that tangible proof, and that's probably part of the instinct to film portions of the game with your phone because as a fan you yearn for that proof you were there."***
>
> *— Chicago sports historian Jack Silverstein*

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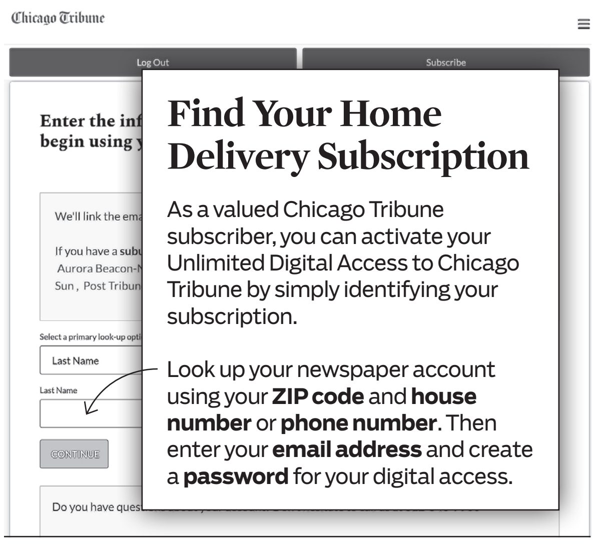

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Court orders new trial for man convicted of killing Pendleton

Shot days after performing at inauguration

By Madeline Buckley
Chicago Tribune

Defendant Micheail Ward listens to the guilty verdict with defense attorney Julie Koehler during the trial for the fatal shooting of Hadiya Pendleton at the Leighton Criminal Court Building in Chicago on Aug. 23, 2018. **JOSE M. OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

An Illinois appeals court on Friday overturned the convictions of a man who was serving an 84-year sentence in the 2013 shooting death of Hadiya Pendleton, a 15-year-old honors student and a majorette who had performed at then-President Barack Obama's second inauguration days before she was killed.

Micheail Ward was convicted of first-degree murder and two counts of aggravated battery following a lengthy jury trial in 2018.

The appeals court ruled that the trial judge should have thrown out statements Ward made to Chicago police detectives that implicated himself, finding that detectives continued to question him after he invoked his right to remain silent.

The court ordered a new trial for Ward.

"After each of the three times Mr. Ward alleges he invoked his right to silence, the detectives took a break but then eventually resumed questioning him," the opinion said.

In a statement, a spokesperson for the Cook County state's attorney's office said they are reviewing the matter to determine next steps.

A high school sophomore and honors student, Pendleton was spending time in Harsh Park with friends after finishing final exams at King College Prep High School when Ward got out of a car and opened fire on Jan. 29, 2013, prosecutors have said.

Ward and his co-defendant Kenneth Williams, allegedly members of the SUWU gang, targeted members of the rival 4-6 Terror gang at the park, their hangout, as part of an ongoing feud that saw Williams himself shot, prosecutors have alleged.

The slaying sparked a national outcry against Chicago's gun violence, and first lady Michelle Obama attended the teen's funeral.

Hadiya Pendleton's 11-year-old cousin Jahlil Pettis shows a photograph of Pendleton, right, with her mother, Cleopatra Cowley-Pendleton. **CHICAGO TRIBUNE 2013**

While being questioned, Ward, around 1:40 a.m., said, "I ain't got nothin' else to say," according to the opinion, among other instances of stating he would remain silent.

Ward made "several inculpatory statements" after being held for about 12 hours, the opinion said.

"I didn't even want to do it," Ward, then 18, said as he began to cry, according to video shown to the jury. "I didn't want to do that (expletive), man. I liked that girl."

Ward spoke to detectives about the relationship between the rival gangs, as well as another homicide, telling police, according to the opinion: "that was the final straw. It was over with. … I loved that boy and they killed him. They shot him in the head." Ward said, "that (expletive) hurted — hurted me to a point where everybody had to go, but not that girl though. That girl had nothin' to do with it. She was just there."

In making its ruling, the appeals court found that the evidence against Ward was sufficient to support his convictions, a bar necessary in order for the state to retry him.

During Ward's trial, prosecutors introduced testimony from nine King High School students who witnessed the shooting, among other evidence.

Among the King students who testified, only one identified Ward as the shooter "though he did not become certain of that identification until trial," according to the opinion, which said the case was "partly circumstantial."

It found, though, that "considering all the above evidence, we certainly cannot say that no rational trier of fact could have found Mr. Ward guilty of the offenses beyond a reasonable doubt."

A judge in 2021 sentenced Williams, who prosecutors said drove the getaway car, to 42 years in prison.

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Voting

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Illinois GOP Chair Don Tracy listens to concerned citizens on the direction of the GOP during a strategizing meeting at Bolingbrook Golf Club on Dec. 10, 2022. **CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

block expanded early-voting measures enacted by Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker and Democratic lawmakers during the pandemic.

That law, which automatically sent vote-by-mail applications for the 2020 general election to residents who voted in previous elections, was "a partisan voting scheme that will open the door to voter fraud" and "designed to directly disenfranchise voters disfavored by Pritzker, to dilute the votes of those disfavored by Pritzker, and to violate the secrecy of voting in Illinois," the Cook County GOP and its lawyers alleged in the lawsuit.

Now, vote-by-mail is backed by the state GOP as a necessary addition to boost Republican turnout and the Illinois Policy Institute has engaged in a campaign to encourage its use.

That comes as Trump — an announced 2024 presidential candidate who now stands indicted by a New York grand jury investigating payments of hush money to an adult film star — continues to disparage mail-in voting while repeating his false contention that the 2020 election was stolen from him due to election fraud.

"Mail-in ballots are automatically corrupt," Trump said late last month in a conversation with Sean Hannity on Fox News that aired only days before the indictment was announced. "If you have mail-in ballots, you're going to have very dishonest elections."

Acknowledging the divergent views within his own party, Illinois GOP Chair Don Tracy told members in a March 10 email that voting by mail was "the elephant in the room" before imploring them to use it to cast their ballots.

"Democrats utilize vote by mail at a much higher rate than Republicans. Democrats have won many close elections on the strength of their vote by mail programs. Quite simply, Republicans will have an uphill battle in every election moving forward if we do not start utilizing vote by mail to our advantage," Tracy said.

With Illinois now authorizing voters to permanently receive vote-by-mail ballots, rather than having to apply with each election, Tracy said failure of Republicans to take advantage of it "will disproportionately impact the results of our municipal elections, especially our local school boards."

"We are acutely aware of problems with the vote-by-mail process. However, the harsh reality is that until we have the numbers in the legislature to change it, we have to play to win under the existing rules and we must increase Republican voter turnout by greater use of vote by mail," he said.

Tracy said there are "genuine concerns" about mail-in ballots to "undermine fair and honest elections," but didn't elaborate. At the same time, he made the stark acknowledgment that "there is relatively little increased risk of fraudulent abuse of your ballot when you vote by mail as opposed to voting in person."

The Illinois Policy Institute, whose allied Liberty Justice Center sought to block the pandemic-driven expansion of vote-by-mail in 2020, has sent permanent mail-in ballot applications to voters, and followed up with text messages to check if they were received. The drive is part of the institute's effort to back its favored local candidates, which followed a recruitment campaign for school boards.

The institute has gone so far as to promote a website debunking "myths" about voting by mail, including one that was a theme of the unsuccessful federal lawsuit:

"MYTH: Encouraging more convenient voting options such as voting by mail is a plot from the political left.

"FALSE: Many Republican-dominated states have expanded the use of vote-at-home options, including Utah, a decidedly 'red' state, which has become the fourth full vote-at-home state."

Individual Republicans have also sought to make the transition from espousing Trump's viewpoint to embracing vote-by-mail.

Jeanne Ives, a conservative former GOP state lawmaker from Wheaton who lost bids for governor and Congress, sent out an email to supporters of her bid for a U.S. House seat in April 2020 that contended Democrats were using COVID-19 as an excuse to expand vote-by-mail "to advance their radical agenda" and warned "we cannot compromise the integrity of our elections."

But by July 1, Ives appeared in a video on social media standing in front of a post office to offer instructions to supporters on how to get and cast a mail ballot.

As Tracy, the head of the Illinois GOP, encourages mail-in voting in his weekly "Chairman's Memo" email to followers, he also is promoting a May 20 "Statewide Election Integrity Summit" in Orland Park that includes Carol Davis, a supporter of Trump's false claims of fraud in the 2020 presidential election, as a featured speaker.

Davis, chair of the Illinois Conservative Union, has contended that vote-by-mail ballots are susceptible to fraud and are part of a "Democratic plot" to do away with in-person voting.

Despite the mixed Republican messaging, the top GOP leaders in the legislature have backed vote-by-mail.

House GOP leader Tony McCombie of Savanna acknowledged Republicans were "behind and we should've been embracing this for quite some time."

"There's some fearmongering out there, of course, but, you know, I'm not going to play along with those games," she said.

Senate GOP leader John Curran of Downers Grove said, "There are competing messages. But we've been clear and consistent here in Illinois. (Under) the laws of this state, we encourage the use of mail-in ballots."

"Voting by mail," Curran said, is "a way to encourage more people to vote and give people greater opportunity to vote. We want everyone voting. So, all in all, it's a good thing."

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Officials confirm tornado hit Belvidere

Happened just before deadly roof collapse at concert

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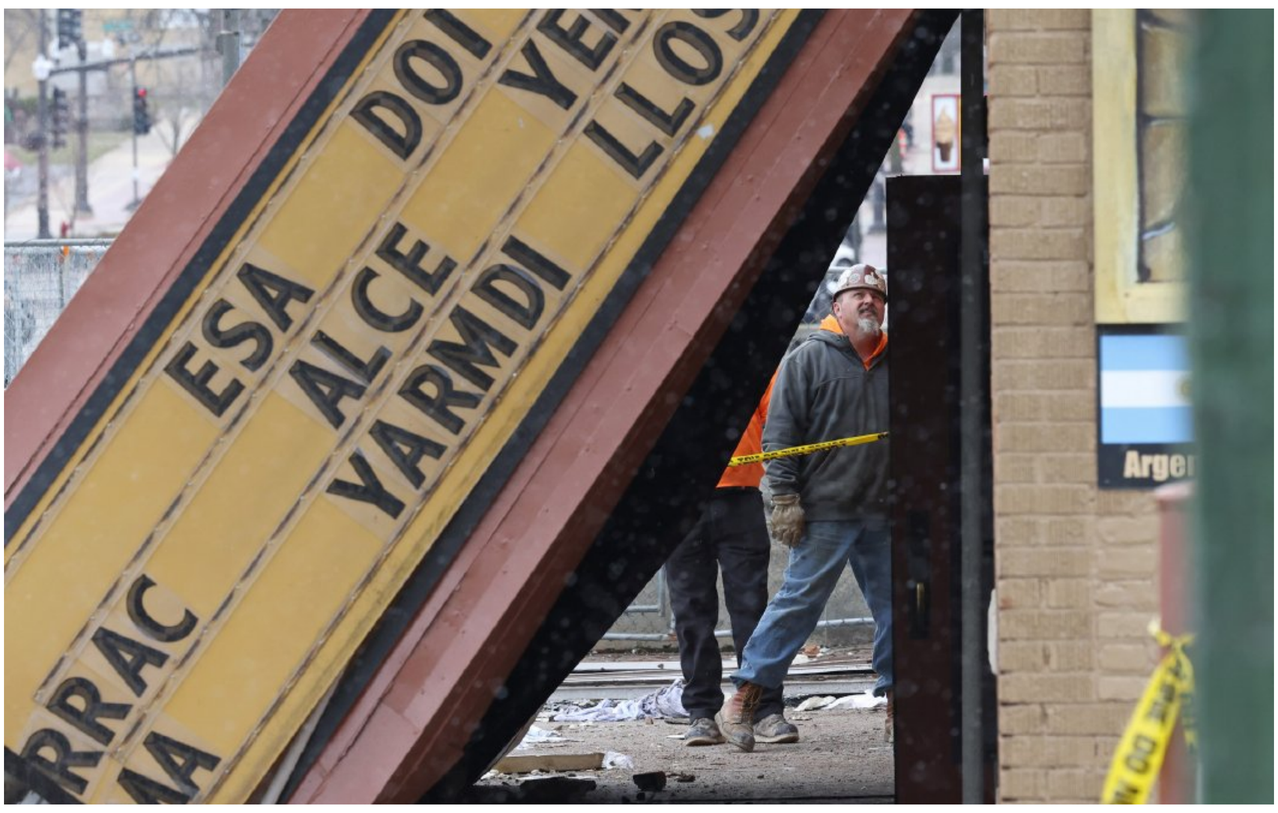

Equipment operators survey the exterior damage of the Apollo Theatre on Saturday in Belvidere. **JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

A tornado on a 28-mile rampage with wind gusts from 90-100 miles per hour tore through Belvidere on Friday night, officials confirmed Saturday evening.

The EF-1 twister left a 50-year-old man dead and 40 other adults injured at the Apollo Theatre, Dan Zaccard, director of Boone County emergency management, told the Tribune.

"The weather service did their survey and found the tornado had a 28-mile track that started in Ogle County and ended in North Boone County," Zaccard said.

Belvidere is located in central Boone County.

Zaccard said an EF-1 is characterized by wind speeds of between 90 and 100 miles per hour.

Two of the injured remained in a "life-threatening" condition, according to Zaccard.

"They're in bad shape," he said.

Some of the 40 injured have already gone home, but those still hospitalized mostly suffered "head trauma and soft tissue injuries," Zaccard said.

The name of the dead man was still not known and Zaccard said no children were among the wounded.

Zaccard said tornado sirens began activating at 7:24 p.m., about 18 minutes before the twister hit.

"We don't know if they could hear them, and we don't know if they heeded the warnings," he said.

Earlier Saturday the Belvidere Fire Department said it, along with several surrounding first responders, flooded the scene of the Apollo Theatre, 104 N. State St., following a call of a collapse.

"A man lost his life, (though the) response was in minutes," Mayor Clinton Morris said. "We always hope for the best, and the best would've been no fatalities."

Morris said the tragedy could have been worse but thanked all of the first responders who arrived to help. He said many of the concertgoers stayed and picked up debris trapping the injured until help arrived.

Friday night 28 ambulances responded to the scene, and the other injured people got themselves to the hospital. Some of the ambulances made multiple trips, officials said.

The building dates back to 1921 and was historic in Belvidere.

So far, officials said the building has been condemned because of the collapse but were waiting on structural engineers to make the final determination. Officials said the owner of the building was devastated to learn of the deceased man and the injured.

Another building across from the Apollo Theatre also sustained structural damage and was facing being condemned.

Even as a cold wind hit, the Belvidere community continued to gather near the theater Saturday afternoon as authorities worked to clean up the debris. Some mourned not only the death from the tragedy but also an area in the city that will "no longer ever be the same," said Randy Watson, a lifelong resident of Belvidere.

When he was a child Watson would go inside the theater to watch movies for "just one buck," he recalled. It was about 20 years ago when the place changed, and more recently it had been used mostly by the Latino community in the area to host weddings and other parties, he said.

The architecture of the theater and other buildings nearby make an important part of the culture of Belvidere, Watson added.

"I hope it can be fixed," he said as he stared at the remains. "But more than anything, I feel for the families that have been affected. I'm sure we will all step in to help in any way we can."

Mary Kurth and her granddaughter walked over to the wreckage and stood there for a few minutes. Kurth lives just three blocks away and Friday night, after learning of the accident, she walked over to the scene because it felt surreal.

In the more than 20 years of living in the town, nothing nearly as tragic has happened, she said.

"It looks like a war zone," Kurth said. "It's not going to be easy to cope with something like this."

Kurth and her 23-year-old granddaughter, Felicia Klassen, said they did not know anyone at the concert, but they have been praying for their well-being.

Nearly 56 years ago another tornado hit Belvidere, leaving 24 dead and 500 hurt.

Saturday evening Gov. J.B. Pritzker issued an emergency disaster proclamation to unlock immediate assistance and provide public safety support for communities across Illinois impacted by last night's tornadoes and severe weather, according to an emailed statement from the governor's office.

The proclamation includes Boone, Crawford, DuPage, Marion and Sangamon counties.

"The devastating storms that swept through our state last night have upended communities and resulted in heartbreaking injury and loss of life," said Pritzker in the statement.

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The message in the runoffs

Sign of changing City Council makeup for trio of North Side lakefront wards

By A.D. Quig and Hank Sanders
Chicago Tribune

Three key North Side lakefront wards stand on the precipice of change following last year's exits of a trio of Chicago City Council members representing the Gold Coast north through the grittier and more diverse neighborhoods of Uptown and Edgewater to Andersonville.

Only one of the six candidates vying for the three seats in the April 4 runoff elections is an incumbent, and he's only been in the job for six months after being appointed by outgoing Mayor Lori Lightfoot.

As the often sharply divided candidates debate public safety, housing and development issues in their respective wards, outside money also has played a role as super political action committees have flooded the wards with nearly $240,000 in advertisements just in the past month.

Brian Comer is challenging Ald. Timmy Knudsen in the 43rd Ward. **CAMPAIGN PHOTO AND CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Angela Clay and Kim Walz are in a runoff for Chicago's 46th Ward. **TRENT SPRAGUE/PHOTOS FOR THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Joe Dunne and Leni Manaa-Hoppenworth are facing off for Chicago's 48th Ward. **VICTOR HILITSKI/PHOTOS FOR THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

43rd Ward

Among the most heated aldermanic races is the one in the 43rd Ward, where recently appointed Ald. Timmy Knudsen is facing a challenge from lifelong ward resident Brian Comer, who is the head of the Sheffield Neighborhood Association.

The two were the last to survive the six-way race in February to represent the ward covering Lincoln Park and a portion of the Gold Coast after three-term incumbent Ald. Michele Smith decided last year to retire.

Knudsen found himself in the midst of an election battle almost immediately after Lightfoot appointed him to replace Smith, and the race became one of the most expensive and divisive first rounds in recent aldermanic election history. Political insiders were split over their endorsements, one candidate spent $750,000 of her own money, and accusations of bullying and sign stealing flew.

Knudsen ended up with 27% of the vote to Comer's 24%. Knudsen was previously an attorney who worked on venture capital and cryptocurrency issues, while Comer's previous consulting work was in renewable energy development and tax services.

"He's in this runoff because he was gifted" the seat, Comer said, noting that Lightfoot also tapped Knudsen to serve on the city's Zoning Board of Appeals.

"It's been a jobs program between the two of them."

While political allegiances were divided in the first round, Knudsen has since won endorsements from Smith and every alderman of the ward dating back to 1971, including well-known council independents Martin Oberman and Bill Singer. He also is being supported by two candidates who lost in the first round and mayoral contender Paul Vallas, who won 55% of the ward on Feb. 28.

Knudsen has raised nearly $115,000 since March 1, including $20,600 from local Democratic megadonor Fred Eychaner and his company, Newsweb; maxed-out contributions from the leaders of financial firms DRW and Linden Capital Partners; and $5,000 from Robert Melman, head of the restaurant group Lettuce Entertain You.

In all, he's raised nearly $445,000 since August.

Comer has raised roughly $91,000 since March 1, including a $6,900 loan from himself and $5,000 from investment firm Madison Dearborn Partners' James Perry. Several of his recent donations, however, were reported late or exceeded contribution caps, which Comer said were filing errors that would be corrected.

Altogether, he's raised $129,000 since August.

Though Lincoln Park has historically had lower crime rates, both candidates say public safety is a top concern. The neighborhood has had one or no homicides in recent years but did see a spike in shootings, assaults and batteries in 2021, according to city data.

Both candidates support backfilling vacant positions at the Chicago Police Department. Knudsen has moved to install more security cameras in the ward, while Comer said he'd push DePaul University to work with the city to help CPD with recruiting.

A police incident of a different type has become a focus of the race.

In early March Chicago police said a man suspected of a robbery "battered and disarmed" an officer near Oz Park. The suspect shot the officer's gun "during a struggle, but no one was struck," and he was later arrested by other responding officers.

Comer went to the scene the same night. While wearing a campaign button, he stood in front of squad cars and recorded a video for social media claiming "an officer was shot" but "in stable condition." Comer alluded to the recent funeral of officer Andrés Mauricio Vásquez Lasso, who was killed responding to a domestic violence call.

Knudsen accused Comer of sowing fear and spreading misinformation. The officer was taken to the hospital for observation but sustained no injuries, Knudsen said in an email the day after the incident.

He also said Comer violated ethics rules barring the use of CPD personnel or logos in campaign materials. The video stayed up for several days before Comer posted an update. Comer told the Tribune he simply repeated what he heard from officers on the scene.

"Hindsight is 20 /20, OK?" he said. "But I'm not going to apologize for updating the neighborhood."

His handling of that incident is one reason why former opponent Wendi Taylor Nations opted to endorse Knudsen. Former opponent Rebecca Janowitz is also backing Knudsen.

Others who previously accused Knudsen of a too-cozy relationship with the development community have since endorsed him, including Smith and Oberman. The Illinois Realtors super PAC has spent roughly $70,000 supporting Knudsen.

Knudsen says he plans to stick to the ward tradition of independence, noting his vote to keep Lightfoot's policy of linking property tax levies with the rate of inflation was "counter" to what real estate agents wanted.

46th Ward

In the 46th Ward race fueled by outside spending, the candidates have been painted by opponents as a corporate establishment pick versus a "radical" police defunder.

In a crowded six-way contest in February, Angela Clay finished with 36% to Kim Walz's 26%. Elections in the diverse and divided ward encompassing Uptown and part of Lakeview have traditionally been nail-biters: Outgoing Ald. James Cappleman was pushed into runoffs in 2015 and 2019, winning by narrow margins.

Clay is a lifelong ward resident and housing organizer with endorsements from progressive elected officials and organizations, including the Chicago Teachers Union and Chicago chapter of the Democratic Socialists of America.

Walz, a former staffer for U.S. Rep. Mike Quigley who works in government relations for Walgreens, is backed by Gov. J.B. Pritzker, U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin and several state lawmakers.

Mailers from Clay describe Walz as a lobbyist who would "put corporate special interests first." Walz said she's not the corporate candidate, but a problem solver whose business experience is an asset.

Clay faced questions about her own business experience after Crain's Chicago Business reported an omission in her city ethics filing. Candidates are required to list whether they served as an employee or leader at any business from which they had an interest of more than $1,000 in 2021. But Clay did not list a business she ran that received just under $42,000 federal Payroll Protection Program loans that year.

The omission was a mistake she quickly corrected, Clay told the Tribune. She started a products line, Pink Ribbon Hair, in 2014.

It "did extremely well right before COVID," making over $100,000 in 2019, but "at the height of COVID we were struggling." She received two PPP loans that were ultimately forgiven, records show, but Pink Ribbon "didn't make it" through the pandemic.

Clay has not highlighted her business experience in this campaign or in her run in 2019, choosing instead to focus on work she did as a housing coordinator for Northside Action for Justice that put her on a path to running for alderman, rather than "a failing business," she said.

Clay amended her ethics disclosure to include mention of Pink Ribbon but, despite repeated requests, declined to turn over any documentation about the business or PPP loan to the Tribune.

The candidates' fundraising has been neck and neck since March 1, with Walz collecting $162,000 to Clay's $150,000, according to state records.

But outside super PACs, which are barred from coordinating with candidates, have spent another $151,000 on mailers and ads aiming to help Walz and oppose Clay. The business-backed Get Stuff Done PAC, which seeks to elect what they describe as pragmatists to the City Council, paid for mailers claiming that Clay is "just too radical" and supported defunding the police. Clay says it's a fearmongering tactic that muddles her more nuanced position on policing.

Police are being put "under immense pressure" to respond to crisis calls without adequate training, Clay said, a reason she supports steering city funds toward violence prevention, city-run mental health facilities, youth programming and jobs.

"I don't think it is off the cuff to say yes, we should reallocate some of these funds to get in front of crime so that we can support our police officers on the back end," she said.

Walz said filling CPD vacancies and bolstering patrols are key.

"The response time to 911 is too long. Officers can't get out of their cars and engage with the community," she said. Walz, whose brother has schizophrenia, said she would work to boost access to mental health services and that she agrees with Clay on long-term solutions to crime.

Their approaches to housing differ. It's been an animating issue in the ward for decades, where multiple protests have broken out over large luxury developments.

Clay was supportive of the pushback to the new apartment building next to Weiss Memorial Hospital. Critics said that of the more than 300 planned units, only eight are slated to be affordable.

The developers paid $3.1 million to help fund new housing being developed by Sarah's Circle, an Uptown nonprofit that helps women experiencing homelessness.

Clay said she would require developers to build 30% of affordable units available on-site. That's

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higher than the new citywide standard of 20% for many developments. Clay is also supportive of lifting the state ban on rent control as a first step to stabilizing rents for neighbors "feeling the pinch."

Uptown has a higher concentration of renters — 68% — than the city at large, according to the DePaul Institute for Housing Studies. Roughly half of Uptown renters are cost-burdened. Walz worries that rent control requirements would hurt small landlords. She would focus instead on the loss of naturally occurring affordable two-, three- and six-flats, where she's worried "the most displacement is going to occur."

Rising property taxes and costly repairs could force owners to sell or hike rents, Walz said.

"In order to keep rents stable, you have to continue to build more housing" to meet demand," Walz said.

48th Ward

Just north of the 46th Ward is the 48th Ward, where small-business owner Leni Manaa-Hoppenworth and affordable housing developer Joe Dunne emerged victorious in February from a 10-person field to succeed retiring Ald. Harry Osterman and represent parts of Andersonville, Edgewater and Uptown.

Dunne finished with 26% of the vote to Manaa-Hoppenworth's 23%.

Manaa-Hoppenworth, owner of a dance supply and photography business, said she is the true progressive in the race, earning the endorsement of mayoral candidate Brandon Johnson and former opponents Nassir Faulkner and CTU and DSA-backed Nick Ward.

She has raised just $44,000 since March 1. Several of those donations are from Asian American elected officials who hope Manaa-Hoppenworth, who is Filipina, could expand Asian representation on the City Council. The new ward is 14% Asian, home to "Little Asia on Argyle" and several immigrant communities.

"The stakes are high," said state Rep. Theresa Mah, who has supported Manaa-Hoppenworth. "I don't want to sit back ... and be in a situation where we have zero representation on the City Council and I could have done something."

Dunne is backed by Osterman and many of the city's major labor organizations, former Gov. Pat Quinn and outgoing state Rep. Greg Harris. Since the runoff Dunne has raised $132,000.

The Illinois Realtors and Get Stuff Done super PACs have also spent $53,000 since the runoff supporting Dunne, with Get Stuff Done suggesting in digital ads that Manaa-Hoppenworth "founded a group that wants to abolish police." Those ads and images mirror language Dunne put on the media page of his campaign website.

The practice, known as "redboxing," allows candidates to broadcast the message they'd like outside groups to push without coordinating directly. Campaign finance watchdogs say the practice effectively erodes the firewall that's supposed to exist between super PACs and the candidates they support.

Manaa-Hoppenworth is a founder of the group Indivisible IL-9, which hosts a weekly anti-racist working group.

One of the group's November events discussed an abolition study guide and another reading about defunding the police. Indivisible has said the content of the email does not call for abolition, but "a thoughtful discussion about how we can reimagine policing through an anti-racist lens."

Asked whether she was supportive of police abolition or defunding the police, Manaa-Hoppenworth told the Tribune, "I don't use those words. We should try to imagine" a world where "there isn't a lot of policing or surveillance or, you know, locking people up."

She said the city does not spend enough on social services.

"We're spending a lot of our budget on policing, and not everybody feels safe," she said. "So we have to look at not only the dollars that we're spending and the number of officers that we have on the force, but how we're actually using them, where they're being deployed."

Dunne's platform calls for coordinating with local CPD commanders "to have regular beat officers assigned to our ward, including foot patrols" around business corridors and transit hubs. Dunne also backs increased funding for mental health and social services and the "Treatment Not Trauma" ordinance.

Dunne, a vice president with the nonprofit Bickerdike Redevelopment Corp., said he is for "development without displacement," including maintaining naturally occurring affordable housing and advocating for property tax reform to reduce costs for homeowners and renters. He supports raising the real estate transfer tax to fund homeless services. His experience building affordable and mixed income housing would be an asset on council, Dunne argued. In January, he took a leave from his job and he said he would resign if elected.

Bickerdike is working on an 11-story affordable housing project in the ward at 5853 N. Broadway, the site of a Streets and Sanitation depot. Dunne is supportive of the project but hasn't touched it "in six months."

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Tollway to again issue fines for drivers with unpaid tolls

By Sarah Freishtat
Chicago Tribune

Vehicles pass through out of service coin toll booths at the River Road Illinois Tollway plaza in 2021. **CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Illinois Tollway drivers with unpaid tolls had a reprieve from fines for several years, but they are now set to return, with changes from the pre-pandemic fine program.

In 2020, as the pandemic lockdown kept many residents home, the Illinois Tollway slashed late fees for tolls from $20 to $3, cut existing debts for those with outstanding violations, and created a grace period that waived fines for tolls incurred from early March through late June that year.

But beginning April 1, drivers who fail to pay tolls and then fail to pay late fees could once again face additional $20 fines.

Drivers will have 14 days after missing a toll to pay with no fee. After 30 days, the Tollway will issue an invoice for a $3 fee for passenger vehicles, or between $5 and $15 for commercial vehicles. After 90 days the fee will rise by $5 per missed toll.

If the toll and fees remain unpaid after 120 days, the Tollway will issue a notice of violation and an additional $20 fine. If the toll, fines and fees remain unpaid after 180 days, the debt will go to collections.

One key change from the previous program caps fines at $20. The Tollway used to increase penalties to $50 if fines remained unpaid, but has suspended the escalation. For drivers who were issued fines between June 1, 2020, and Sept. 30, 2022, a six-month hold will be placed on further notices, and they will be eligible for a reduction of up to 50% on fees they owe.

Drivers who have outstanding tolls from March to June 2020 will continue to owe only the cost of the toll.

Tollway travelers will have an opportunity to dispute violations including via a hearing. Drivers who qualify for a Tollway assistance program and create an I-Pass account can have fees waived. The assistance program, open to households earning less than 250% of the federal poverty level, or $75,000 for a family of four, also allows drivers to receive free I-Pass transponders.

The Tollway has relied entirely on electronic, cashless tolling since 2020. Some 98% of the 3 million daily toll transactions on the agency's roadways are paid, Tollway spokesman Dan Rozek said.

The Tollway's 2020 changes created more than $130 million in relief and wiped debt for more than 325,000 drivers, the Tollway said.

But they also came with a "troubling trend of repeat non-compliance in a growing number of customers," Tollway officials said in a statement. They estimated more than 6 million unpaid toll invoices have gone unpaid — or about 2% of transactions — causing the agency to lose more than $110 million in unpaid tolls.

The Tollway anticipates recovering one-third of the lost money in fees, fines and paid tolls.

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Evanston police look to restrict abortion investigations

By Corey Schmidt
Pioneer Press

The Evanston Police Department is looking to provide enhanced reproductive health protections by vowing to restrict outside agencies from investigating reproductive health issues within EPD's jurisdiction, Commander Ryan Glew told City Council on March 27.

Glew said the department is still crafting its official policy with a thorough review from the state's attorney's office and Evanston's legal team to ensure the policy can fulfill its purpose without accidentally creating loopholes impacting other investigations, such as human trafficking cases.

Despite the policy being in the works, Glew said EPD will operate as if it is already in place.

"Even with the policy pending, the department is not compelled ... to investigate what somebody is doing here in regard to their reproductive health," Glew said. "I think it's important for people to understand that even with the policy pending, we can have confidence the department is going to act in line with the proposed resolution."

Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot signed an executive order last July prohibiting Chicago agencies, including the Chicago Police Department, from assisting out-of-state law enforcement in investigating people who travel to Chicago for abortions.

Illinois' neighboring states of Wisconsin, Missouri and Kentucky currently have strict laws restricting abortions. Evanston is less than 40 miles from the Wisconsin border. Fourteen states currently have strict abortion policies with more in the works across the country.

Glew's announcement comes as City Council was receiving a progress report on an approved Aug. 8 resolution, proposed by 9th Ward Councilmember Juan Geracaris, directing staff to outline practices to protect reproductive rights in Evanston after the United States Supreme Court determined the right to an abortion isn't constitutionally protected.

"One of the things I found important when putting this (Aug. 8) resolution forward was guaranteeing the safety of students who are here from out-of-state and providing a sanctuary for them," Geracaris said.

The ruling, referred to as the Dobbs decision, served as a catalyst for legislation looking to protect not only reproductive rights but other rights currently protected by Supreme Court precedents, such as same-sex marriage with the Respect for Marriage Act now requiring all states to recognize same-sex marriages without relying on the Obergefell versus Hodges ruling.

When the Evanston City Council passed the August resolution directing staff to outline practices to ensure reproductive rights, it assigned the task to five departments — 311 Hotline, Human Resources, Purchasing, EPD and Health and Human Services.

Health and Human Services and 311 have been "checked off," according to Policy Coordinator Alison Leipsiger. The departments created a page on the city's website outlining reproductive health resources and a Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) protected form for residents with further questions.

Human Resources and EPD's official action plan is in progress, Leipsiger said, and more information is expected to come forth in approximately two months. She said the delay is due to recent staff changes in these departments. Evanston will continue exploring reproductive rights policies with the suggested EPD investigation resolution still pending City Council action.

"We are in a different world after the Dobbs decision was rendered," Mayor Daniel Biss said. "It obligates us to think about our responsibilities in another way and it isn't necessarily easy, but it's important."

Corey Schmidt is a freelance reporter with Pioneer Press.

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In the wake of detention fire, organizations demand action

By Nell Salzman
Chicago Tribune

The deaths of 39 men in a fire at a detention center in northern Mexico on Monday night have prompted sadness and frustration from migrant groups across the country, and in Chicago. After detainees in Mexico placed mattresses against the bars of their detention cell and set them on fire, guards quickly walked away and made no apparent attempt to release them, surveillance video showed Tuesday.

Mexican officials appeared to place blame for the deaths in the fire late Monday largely on private, subcontracted security guards at the detention facility in Ciudad Juárez, across the border from El Paso, Texas. Mexican authorities said Wednesday that eight employees or officials are being investigated for possible misconduct at the detention center. The investigation is ongoing.

"We are very much concerned that the (Mexican) government's intentions seem to be to blame this on a few individuals — including some of the detainees — and prosecute them, and then say this is over," said Helena Olea, human rights lawyer and associate director for programs at Alianza Americas, headquartered in Chicago. "We know that there were no protocols, which resulted in this tragedy."

On Friday, Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador visited hospitals treating injured migrants. Before the trip, he said he was going to set up a commission to ensure the human rights of migrants are protected. He said the commission would be headed by the Rev. Alejandro Solalinde, a longtime migrant activist and Catholic priest. But it was unclear what powers the commission would have.

Alianza works with local migrant organizations across the United States and in Chicago — providing legal services, training, work opportunities, housing and health resources. There are Alianza teams that work specifically to provide resources to the thousands of asylum-seeking migrants who have come to Chicago as part of Texas Gov. Greg Abbott's initiative to bus migrants to sanctuary cities since last August.

Alianza is also part of the effort to respond to the tragedy on the ground in Mexico, working with Grupo de Trabajo Sobre Política Migratoria, a network of organizations that defends the rights of migrants and people subject to international protection.

Olea said that when a government detains an individual, it then has the responsibility to protect the rights of that individual. This incident should not have occurred, she said.

The people at the center were part of a routine roundup in Juárez, where authorities detained people who had been begging in the streets, standing on street corners, offering to clean windshields. Both families and single adults were detained, but families were released from custody.

Immigration authorities identified the dead and injured as being from Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Venezuela, Colombia and Ecuador, according to a statement from the Mexican attorney general's office.

Efecto Violeta, a Chicago-based organization that defends the rights of migrants, responded with an open letter the day after the fire. The letter calls on the Mexican government to revise its detention protocols in order to prioritize dignity and safety, among other demands.

Sandy Choreno, the director of Efecto Violeta, works directly with people from Guatemala, El Salvador and Colombia. She explained that an incident like the Juárez fire has ripple effects on all migrant communities in Chicago.

"We are demanding justice because we are part of the same community, we are part of the same diaspora, and we need this kind of state crime to stop," Choreno said.

Mexico has emerged as the world's third-most popular destination for asylum-seekers, after the United States and Germany. But it is still largely a country that migrants pass through on their way to the U.S.

Adding to anger over the deaths was pent-up frustration of migrants who have spent weeks trying to make appointments on a U.S. cellphone app to file asylum claims. Rumors spread among the migrants that they might be let into the U.S.

Several hundred of the migrants crossed the shallow Rio Grande from Mexico toward the U.S. and approached a gate in the border fence that separates El Paso and Ciudad Juárez. Armed agents stood guard at the U.S. gate entrance.

Choreno said that both Mexico and the United States are culpable for what happened in Juárez on Monday night.

The United States offered to help provide medical care to the 28 individuals initially injured from the fire, according to Ruben García, director of Annunciation House, a nonprofit organization in El Paso that has offered hospitality to migrants and refugees for over 40 years.

"We're still waiting to see what will come from that," he said. "But 28 individuals is not that many."

The migrants were stuck in Ciudad Juárez because U.S. immigration policies don't allow them to cross the border to file asylum claims. But they were rounded up because Ciudad Juárez residents were tired of migrants blocking border crossings or asking for money.

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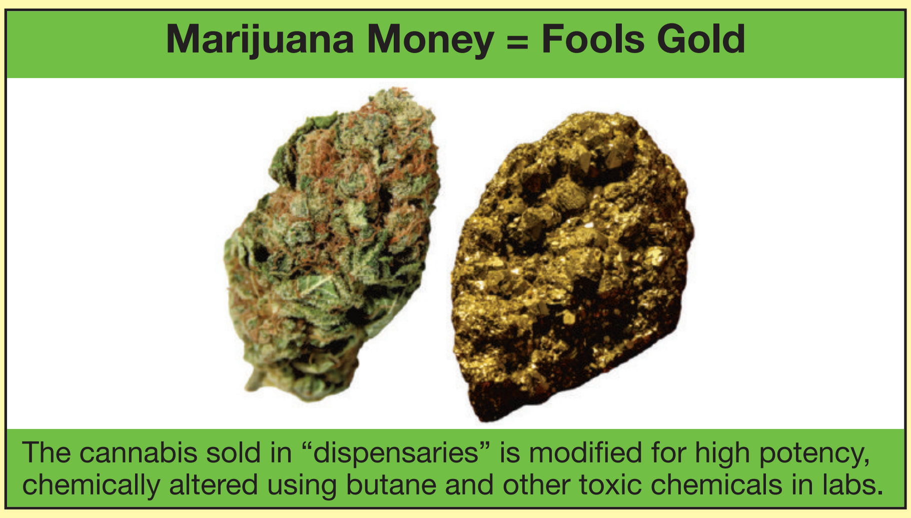

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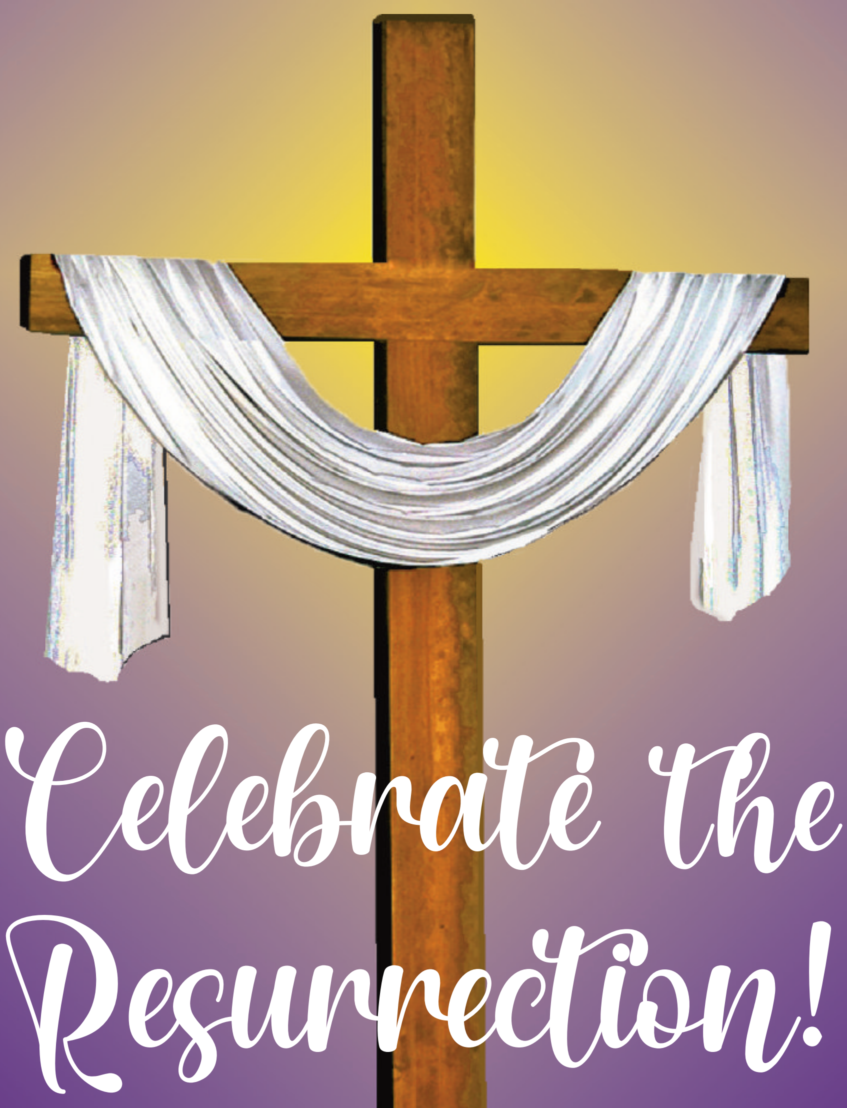

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Lindblom Math and Science Academy students walk out of the high school Aug. 22, 2022, the first day of the new academic year, to protest the termination of Assistant Principal Karen Fitzpatrick Carpenter. **ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

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Lindblom principal investigated and ousted months after protests

Students fought his abrupt firing of veteran assistant principal

By Sarah Macaraeg
Chicago Tribune

Students at Robert Lindblom Math and Science Academy high school started the school year with a spirited walkout, protesting Principal Abdul Muhammad's termination of Assistant Principal Karen Fitzpatrick Carpenter.

Now the students will return from spring break with a new top administrator, the district announced Friday in a letter to parents.

Chicago Public Schools officials "removed Abdul Muhammad from his principal duties at Lindblom effective immediately due to an investigation that substantiated findings against Mr. Muhammad," Network 16 Chief of Schools Devin LaRosa wrote, adding that administrators were "unable to discuss details regarding the case."

Muhammad has been reassigned to the Network 16 Office, according to LaRosa's letter. "Please know that we are taking this situation extremely seriously, and we remain committed to providing Lindblom students with a positive learning environment where they can reach their full potential," LaRosa wrote.

The district has not disclosed whether the investigation was related to Muhammad's sudden termination of Fitzpatrick Carpenter, who students said was well-liked.

A CPS spokesman confirmed Muhammad's removal and released a statement later Friday saying that his "reassignment is not related to students leaving campus to vote on March 23."

Lindblom senior and student council Vice President Kennedy Ross, who helped organize the August protest, said at the time: "We kind of felt disrespected as a student body because we want our voices to be heard. We should be able to voice our concerns, because that's what they're teaching us to do. They're teaching us to advocate for ourselves and to stand on what we believe in."

Former Morgan Park High School Principal Everett Edwards will serve as Lindblom's administrator-in-charge as of April 10, following spring break, the district announced.

Fitzpatrick Carpenter, whose firing also sparked a petition of around 700 signatures demanding her reinstatement, said in August she was searching for a new position within CPS. But according to district data as of December, she's not been employed by a new CPS school. A class of 1985 graduate of the West Englewood school, Fitzpatrick Carpenter started working at Lindblom in 1997 and became assistant principal of the school of around 1,400 students in 2015.

"She's been a part of Lindblom for so long she embodies the culture of the school. She teaches the kids how to move about in the Lindblom community," said Julie Simms Holder, president of the Lindblom Alumni Association. "We're a huge, huge community in the Chicagoland area. And we're very passionate about the school, but that passion exists inside the school as well. And she's able to keep that alive."

Lindblom is among a small number of CPS selective enrollment high schools to which prospective students must apply.

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Ill. investigating possible child labor violations

Elite Staffing provides temp workers to Hearthside Food Solutions, which was named in a New York Times investigation

By Talia Soglin and Richard Requena
Chicago Tribune

The state's labor department and attorney general are jointly investigating food manufacturer Hearthside Food Solutions and staffing agency Elite Staffing for possible violations of Illinois' child labor law, the agencies said Friday.

Hearthside, which is headquartered in Downers Grove, was one of the companies named in a New York Times investigation into migrant child labor across the country published last month. The Times investigation, which focused on Hearthside's operations in Grand Rapids, Michigan, found that young migrant teenagers worked dangerous jobs at the company's facilities there in violation of child labor laws.

Elite Staffing provides temp workers to Hearthside in Illinois.

Subpoenas have been issued to Hearthside and Elite, Jane Flanagan, director of the Illinois Department of Labor, said in a written statement provided to the Tribune Friday. "As this is an ongoing investigation we have no further comment at this time," Flanagan said.

The attorney general's office said three companies had been subpoenaed, but a spokesperson could not say why the third company was not named.

In a statement, Attorney General Kwame Raoul's office said it was seeking information "related to disturbing allegations of possible violations of child labor laws."

Scott Allen, a spokesperson for the U.S. Department of Labor, confirmed the national agency was also investigating Hearthside but could not reveal which facilities were under investigation.

Hearthside said Friday it had been "taking actions related to the issues raised about temporary workers supplied by our staffing agencies to support our operations."

Those steps include "reducing" its reliance on temporary workers, increasing oversight of staffing agencies and instituting document verification training with hiring managers, the company said.

In a statement prior to the announcement of the state investigation, Hearthside said it had hired a law firm to conduct an outside review of its practices.

"We have been working hard to determine whether any underage individuals were working under assumed identities, fake names and dates of birth on official documentations, such as applications, IDs and tax forms," the company said in the earlier statement. Hearthside also said that it had started requiring workers to present a government-issued photo ID to enter its production facilities.

Elite Staffing said in a statement Friday that it will cooperate with the state investigation.

"We take our obligation to comply with state and federal labor laws very seriously and maintain robust policies and processes that require new hires to demonstrate their eligibility to work," Elite said in a statement. "Elite Staffing has several measures in place to prevent the acceptance of fraudulent documents. We have developed a comprehensive screening and recruiting process that includes rigorous document review, multiple in-person assessments, compliance system checks and ongoing supervision at the client site."

Maria, a Little Village resident and a mother of three, worked until last year at Hearthside's production facility in Romeoville, about 30 miles southwest of Chicago.

There, said Maria — who is in the U.S. without legal permission and did not want to give her last name to the Tribune for fear that she would be blacklisted from other jobs — she worked alongside children as young as 13.

Most of the kids in the facility worked over a conveyor belt placing slices of cheese on breakfast sandwiches, Maria said.

"You could just tell that they weren't of age, you could see it on their face," Maria said. Two of her own children are 12 and 14, and she said the kids she worked with reminded her of her own.

Hearthside has 10 manufacturing sites in Illinois. They include facilities in Bolingbrook, Geneva, Gibson City, Wenona, Carol Stream, Itasca, Romeoville, Woodridge and two in Des Plaines. Hearthside is a food contract manufacturer, which means it produces food products such as bars, cookies, crackers and fresh and frozen foods for other companies. The company told the Tribune it does not name its customers, though the Times reported that the products Hearthside makes include Cheerios, Lucky Charms and Cheetos.

Hearthside said 4,300 full and part-time workers, including those employed by staffing agencies, work in its Illinois facilities. The number excludes corporate employees at the Downers Grove headquarters.

Hearthside said it uses E-Verify, an online program that allows companies to verify employment eligibility by matching employee-given information with Social Security and Homeland Security records.

But Hearthside only began requiring the staffing agencies it works with to use E-Verify a few weeks ago; the company said it issued a mandate on Feb. 22, shortly before the Times published its investigation, requiring staffing agencies to begin using the program by March 6.

At shift change on a weekday afternoon in mid-March, two workers who spoke with the Tribune outside Hearthside's facility in Romeoville said that teenagers under 18 still worked at the facility. The teenagers are from Guatemala, the workers said.

"It got to a point where the company really can't do anything," one of the employees said. "The kids find a way to falsify identities and birth certificates. All they have to do is send money back home and they get a new one."

Other workers who spoke with the Tribune said they had not seen or heard of children working at the facility. In total, four workers said they had seen or heard of children working there and four said they had not.

Hearthside has been repeatedly cited by the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration for alleged workplace safety violations. Nationally, Hearthside has been cited by OSHA 20 times over the last five years. Three times since 2019, OSHA has cited the company after workers in Illinois suffered finger or fingertip amputations at work. The company is contesting one of those alleged violations.

In response to a request for comment regarding its OSHA violations, Hearthside cited its incident rate, which it said was significantly lower than the incident rate in the food manufacturing industry overall. The Department of Labor said it could not confirm an individual company's incident rate.

"The 20 OSHA accidents in question occurred during a five-year window when workers at Hearthside logged up to 27 million hours per year," the company said in a statement.

Concerns about child workers can be reported to the labor department's Child Labor Hotline at 800-645-5784 or the Attorney General's Workplace Rights Hotline at 844-740-5076.

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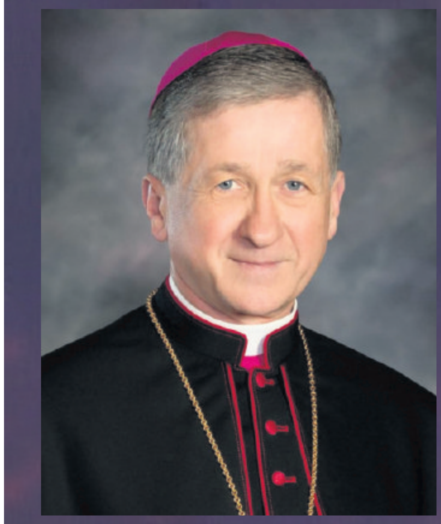

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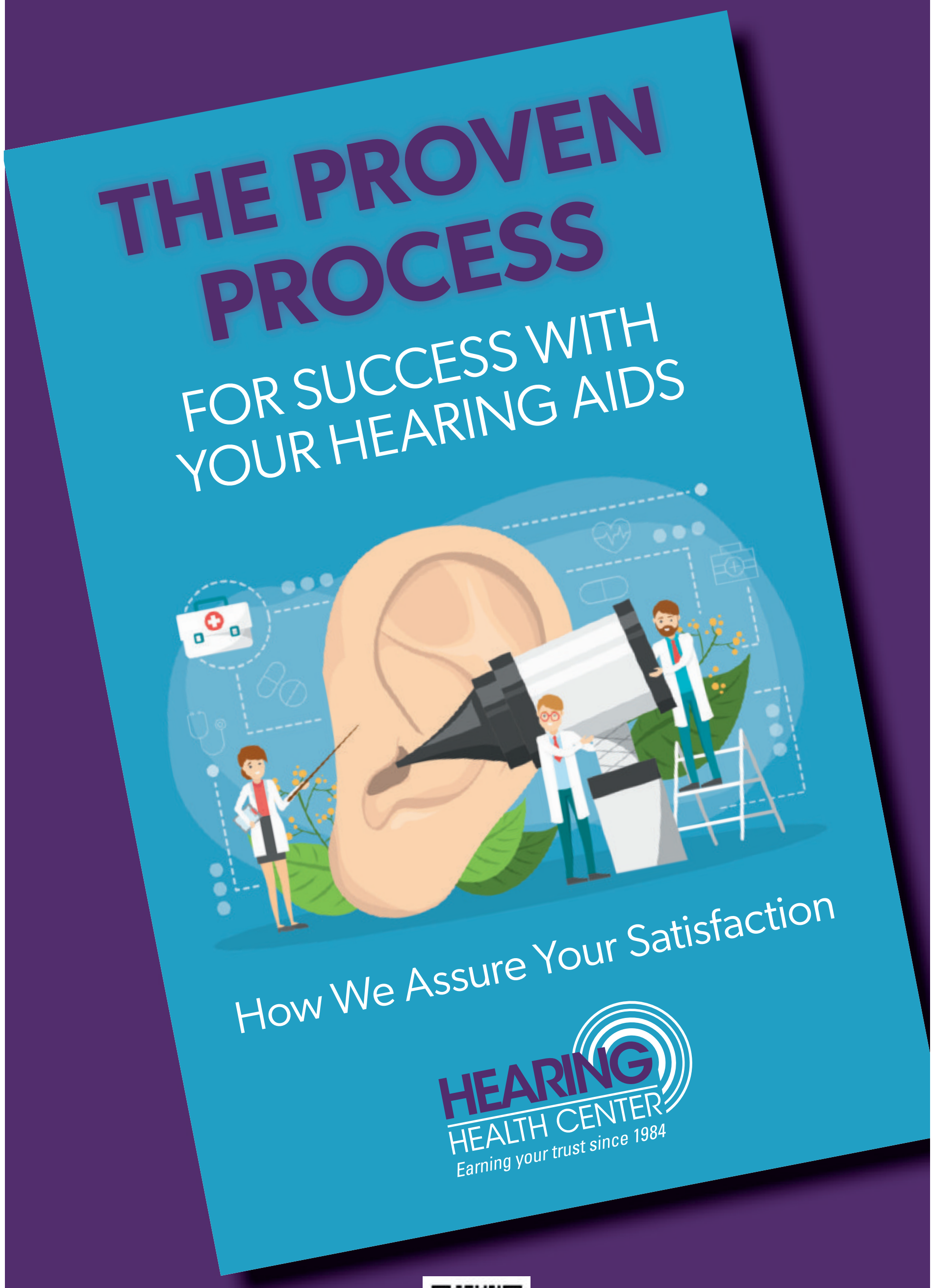
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Brandon Johnson dances on stage with Lisa Alexander after speaking at a steppers' party in West Pullman Wednesday. **ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Johnson

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Thunderbird laughed awkwardly as Johnson dug in, attacking his opponent's record leading schools in Philadelphia, New Orleans and Chicago, before turning back to his own views on policing.

"There were over 100 men who were exonerated because they were tortured and tortured into false confession. We also understand our communities have been brutalized and terrorized by people of the police force. And so when you see someone like George Floyd begging for his life and a knee on the neck, that doesn't engender confidence," Johnson said. "So there are people who are frustrated with law enforcement because even after we fought (for body cameras) it still continues to happen. There is a degree of frustration that we have. But I assure you my public safety plan is an investment plan. We're not going to defund the police."

The answer satisfied Thunderbird, who pinned to her pocket a black and white image of Johnson and his campaign slogan: "Brandon is better." She showed it off to the crowd as Johnson asked to take a photo with his new voter.

But the brief tension highlighted a central issue for Johnson, who has been hammered by opponent Paul Vallas in the April 4 election over Johnson's previous support for the "defund the police" movement.

Despite Johnson's denials, he repeatedly endorsed activist-backed calls to adjust police budgets and send funds to other agencies following Floyd's murder by Minneapolis police.

He has referred to "defund the police" as "a cause that I think, quite frankly, is not just admirable, but is necessary" and, in 2020, praised organizers of a "We Don't Call Police: Fighting for a Police-Free Future" panel for pushing "an agenda that actually can transform people's lives."

"And part of it is removing ourselves away from this, you know, state-sponsored policing," Johnson said.

While those comments play better with many of the lakefront liberals and progressives in parts of the Northwest Side who helped him get to the runoff election, Johnson also has distanced himself from more strident "defund the police" positions as he tries to appeal to a broader audience.

When asked during a debate about his statement that defunding police was "a real political goal," Johnson said, "I said it was a political goal. … I never said it was mine."

More recently he promised the Police Department's budget would not be "one penny" less.

Part of the shift stems from a need to win over older and more conservative Black voters who primarily supported Mayor Lori Lightfoot in the election's first round as well as voters in the growing Latino community who tend to be more supportive of police.

Two days after he made the runoff, Johnson visited another senior home, one in Bronzeville that also hosted him before the Feb. 28 election.

"Y'all do know the last time I was here, they didn't predict me as the winner," Johnson began. "And when I left out of here, I knew one thing for sure: That I'm gonna be the next mayor of the city of Chicago."

The candidate playfully pointed a finger at the tables filled with seniors seated in front of bingo cards as he teased, "So it's y'all's fault."

Johnson then launched into his stump speech centered on the single-word theme of his campaign: "investment." He vowed access to fully funded neighborhood schools, affordable housing, new senior facilities, reliable transportation, a healthy environment and good jobs.

"These are not radical ideas," Johnson said. "These are basic ideas that every single community should have, and the fact that they believe a radical idea is giving people guaranteed access to a good job and to a safe community — that tells you that we don't need them in power. We don't."

'We can do it anywhere in the world.'

While on the trail, Johnson has cast his candidacy as a historic extension of the civil rights movement in an attempt to coalesce Black voters.

In March, he joined the Rev. Jesse Jackson Sr. at Rainbow/PUSH Coalition headquarters as the longtime activist calmly sat in his wheelchair. Jackson, who is 81 and struggling with Parkinson's disease, told the crowd his ailment "is not gonna hold me down, not going to stop the fight for freedom."

At one point, Jackson paused mid-remarks to catch his breath, and Johnson leaned down and tipped a water bottle to his lips as concerned whispers rumbled around the room.

"Reverend got a lot to say, y'all," Johnson trumpeted to the audience.

Jackson regained vitality soon afterward and delivered a sermon on Black history in Chicago, from the lynching of Emmett Till to the disinvestment of public schools. In a powerful moment, Jackson gingerly pulled himself up from his wheelchair and bowed his head in prayer.

"We need Brandon," Jackson whispered. "We pray for him."

Johnson has regularly invoked the legacy of the Rev. Martin Luther King, whose assassination in 1968 on April 4 coincides with this year's election.

"This is the day that we will recognize one of the greatest humanitarians to ever walk the planet Earth," Johnson said during a City Club of Chicago speech last week, his throat catching. "He had a dream that one day that every single stripe could come together to solve the critical problems, and when he came to Chicago, he said there's no place like it. He said there's no place like it. He had been to the Deep South for our people who were murdered for this day, but he said that if we can figure it out in Chicago, we can do it anywhere in the world."

As Johnson has tried to unite Black voters, Vallas has promoted endorsements from African American businessman Willie Wilson and several Black pastors.

Johnson has responded with stops at churches on the South and West sides where he often flatters everyone from the clergy to the live band. One Sunday, Johnson hit five places of worship, including Sweet Holy Spirit Church in South Chicago for a service with influential Bishop Larry Trotter.

Johnson began with a promise to celebrate his victory by purchasing a size 13 pair of snakeskin shoes like Trotter's and talked about his relationship with God. Johnson often invokes his childhood as the foster son of a preacher and a carpenter — a confluence that has led him to facetiously liken himself to "Black Jesus."

"The author and the finisher of my faith is the only one who can keep any of us from falling," Johnson said next to Trotter. The former Chicago Public Schools teacher added: "I know I get to go to heaven no matter what I do — I taught middle school."

Johnson accepts the endorsement from Service Employees International Union Local 1 on March 8.
ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

From classroom to campaign trail

While Vallas has criticized Johnson for his role as a Chicago Teachers Union organizer, blaming him for labor unrest and instability within the school district, Johnson regularly advocates for fully funded schools and hiring more teachers and social workers.

After a series of church stops, Johnson headed inside MacArthur's Restaurant, a West Side institution visited by Presidents Barack Obama and Bill Clinton, Lightfoot, Chicago Bulls star Zach LaVine and rapper Kanye West.

"How you doing sister?" Johnson asked as he sat down at a table with trays of soul food.

"Praying for ya, and hope you get in," said Denise Miranda, a teacher at Ruggles Elementary on the South Side. "We know that you're going to take care of us at CPS who are still in the trenches, fighting that fight."

As Miranda and others at the table who work for CPS shared their experiences, Johnson talked of his time at the Jenner Academy elementary school where he spent most of his four-year teaching career before becoming a union organizer.

"I had a rule if I sat down, I took a time out, people needed to be quiet," he said. One day, during a time out, a student raised her hand. "I thought she was going to say something silly like, 'I got to go to the bathroom.' And she said, 'Mr. Johnson, I am going to tell you what the problem is.' "

The women stopped eating and leaned in.

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>
> *— Brandon Johnson*

"She says, 'you shouldn't be teaching here,'" Johnson recalled. "She said, 'you should be teaching at a good school.'"

"Ah," Miranda responded. "She felt that way."

"I probably sat in that classroom for about three hours after they went home," Johnson reflected. "She knows what quality looks like but don't believe that she deserves it."

'Muy simpatico'

Besides trying to unify support from Black voters, Johnson also has worked to build a rainbow coalition like the one that helped Harold Washington win in 1983.

Already backed by several Northwest Side Latino progressives, including U.S. Rep. Delia Ramirez and City Council members Rossana Rodriguez Sanchez and Carlos Ramirez-Rosa, Johnson's campaign hopes an endorsement from former mayoral opponent U.S. Rep. Jesús "Chuy" García will spur even greater support, even though García placed a disappointing fourth in February.

Standing just inside the doors at the La Villita Community Church on the Southwest Side, García greeted Johnson with a hug and asked, "You've been here before?"

"No, this is my first time," Johnson said, before wryly quipping, "I've been to church before!"

"You better have!" García responded before leading him in front of the altar and a group of supportive Latino politicians.

The next day, Johnson joined Ald. Byron Sigcho-Lopez to tour the sprawling Little Village Discount Mall, a staple in the Mexican American neighborhood embroiled in an evictions dispute.

Within the complex's maze of towering electronics, quinceañera dresses and home goods, vendors warmly greeted the mayoral candidate as a woman running a shoe stall flagged him down. "We got to get you some of those boots," Sigcho-Lopez told Johnson, who soon pointed at some pairs that caught his eye.

"Muy simpatico," Johnson said as he was handed a pair of regal brown leather boots. *Very nice.* "I really want to wear them now, but I'mma save 'em for election night."

Deeper inside the mall, he elicited gifts from vendors, including a golden-white ring that he happily showed off, saying, "Bling!"

Twenty minutes later, as he left with a pile of gifts balanced clumsily atop his and his aides' arms, he turned around for one last wave and heard a plea from vendors.

"Don't forget the discount mall, please," they said.

Family values

As Johnson has campaigned about his progressive goals, he also has aggressively sought to define Vallas as a Republican.

While accepting an endorsement from Service Employees International Union Local 1, he lifted both hands and invoked the axiom "Sí, se puede" — a United Farm Workers motto and the inspiration for Obama's famous "Yes, we can!" 2008 campaign slogan.

Claiming Vallas would not approve of the spirit of "Sí, se puede," Johnson declared: "Paul Vallas doesn't want us to be woke" as some union members behind him grunted in approval.

Hardly a speech goes by without Johnson stressing the values of family, from his childhood spent sharing a bathroom with nine foster siblings to the heartache he feels telling his teenage son where he cannot ride his bike safely.

Days before the election, Johnson spoke at St. Paul Church of God in Christ in Grand Boulevard then headed straight for a "very important woman" in his life.

Minnie Smith, Johnson's aunt, sat in her wheelchair. Dressed in a purple blouse with a flower homburg hat, Smith smiled as she watched Johnson work the crowd.

"She's blowing up my phone every day, telling me what I am doing right on the campaign," Johnson said, to which Smith shared a different recollection.

"I say, you got to speak up louder, you got to be stronger," she said, noting as a young man Johnson kept many of his siblings together after his mother died. "You are a great man, speak like you are a great man."

Despite his aunt's light ribbing, Johnson is a far more comfortable public speaker than Vallas and he often fills his events with banter. He has referred to himself as the "lover-in-chief" because he "loves people" and says he has a knack for settling differences.

When a resident asked why Chicago can't have two football teams since it has both the Cubs and White Sox, he said he understood the logic but then tried to defuse the question by joking, "Can we at least get at least one winning team?"

He also frequently uses his family as a backdrop for his colloquial style.

"Listen, my family fights over the Thanksgiving menu and it's the same menu every year," he often says. And recently he joked his daughter, already preparing for life at City Hall, has filed a "list of demands," but then later proudly showed off to a couple of kids a beaded bracelet she made him reading, "DAD."

"Don't tell my sons, but my daughter is my favorite," he said.

Toward the tail end of his campaign, some of Johnson's most enthusiastic visits took place on the South and West sides where he stirred a hopeful message of a city rejuvenated.

While touring small businesses last week, he visited The Woodshop, an art gallery and custom frame shop on 75th Street that's been in Chatham since 1979.

Before Johnson arrived, owner Marvita D'Antignac reminisced about how lively the 75th Street corridor used to be when it was one of Black Chicago's main thoroughfares that blossomed during the Great Migration.

"Everything was just jumping," she said.

After his visit and as the candidate continued down 75th Street, the store's venerate aura shifted as its walls of regal faces depicted inside its picture frames — including a drawing of Harold Washington — melted away into a landscape of fading brick exteriors and jarring metal gates.

Johnson said he envisions much more for this street and beyond.

"I believe that what people want is to be able to shop in their neighborhoods. They want to be able to afford to live in their neighborhoods," Johnson said. "They want to be able to go hang out and listen to good music, eat good food. But most importantly, you know, they want the vibrancy."

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Vallas

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Paul Vallas speaks to supporters during a Young Professionals for Vallas rally on Tuesday at Joy District in River North. **SHANNA MADISON/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

But as the guests at Barcocina Mexican restaurant drank Tajín-rimmed cocktails and munched on empanadas, Vallas let his frustration loose.

He spoke of making sure "every single child" in the New Orleans system he rebuilt after the hurricane was in a new or renovated school and how the district "led the state in academic improvement for seven consecutive years." Then he paused to soak in the audience's cheers before going back for more.

"And racists don't go at the peak of their earning powers to Haiti, not one time but 40 times, despite getting hospitalized three times," he said.

Chicago is a deeply segregated city where political support often flows along racial lines. Vallas emerged from a nine-candidate field in the Feb. 28 election in part because he was the only white contender, while Mayor Lori Lightfoot competed with six other Black challengers, including Johnson.

In the first round of campaigning, Lightfoot accused Vallas of blowing the "ultimate dog whistle" for announcing that "this whole campaign is about taking back our city" — a line he said was about crime but has not uttered again in front of media. Days after the incumbent mayor was knocked out of the runoff, Johnson immediately picked up where Lightfoot left off, digging into Vallas over past remarks that unspecified school curricula related to critical race theory was harming families and taking emphasis off more important subjects.

Although Vallas has run for public office only as a Democrat, he's been blasted for past affiliations with conservative radio talk show hosts, Republican political donors, the anti-LGBTQ activist group Awake Illinois and pro-Trump Fraternal Order of Police local President John Catanzara.

Vallas has sought to downplay such connections. He's condemned comments by Awake leaders and Catanzara as "hateful" and "irresponsible," respectively. He praised Trump's indictment.

His most-used talking point is to call himself "a lifelong Democrat," and he's rolled out endorsements from popular party members like U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin, Cook County Circuit Court Clerk Iris Martinez and former Secretary of State Jesse White to expand his support along racial and ethnic lines.

At Josephine's Southern Cooking in Chatham, Vallas was joined by six Black aldermen and former state Senate President Emil Jones. Vallas seemed to revel in his decadeslong relationships with those behind him, recounting work they did in the 1990s when Vallas was Mayor Richard M. Daley's budget director and then Chicago Public Schools CEO.

"I'm probably going to tell a few stories, because I go way back," Vallas said before turning to Jones. "I'm so glad you stopped smoking. I was never a smoker, but I used to come down to the Senate president's office and steal his cigarettes. Remember that? I know I owe you big time."

He continued: "You didn't tell my wife, didn't tell my mother, for heaven's sake."

Vallas also was endorsed by Willie Wilson, the well-known African American philanthropist who in his three bids for mayor, including this year, consistently tallied about 10% of the vote, mostly from Black neighborhoods.

On an unseasonably sunny March day, Wilson led a line of Black clergy into the sanctuary of Providence Missionary Baptist Church in Auburn Gresham.

When Wilson — the most right-leaning candidate when he was still in the race, who famously called for police to hunt down criminal suspects "like a rabbit" — took the microphone, he slammed Johnson for what Wilson said was wanting to "defund" the police and raise taxes.

Then Wilson recalled the tragic impetus for his friendship with Vallas: The two bonded over the deaths of their sons. Omar Wilson was killed in a 1995 shooting; Mark Vallas died in 2017 after suffering from long-term opioid addiction.

Vallas warmly deemed Wilson his "comfort zone" before promising to bring faith-based organizations into campuses to combat youth murders. The candidate, who practices Orthodox Greek Christianity, concluded with a prophecy: "With the power of all your prayers collectively, my election will be guaranteed." The pastors placed their hands on his shoulders and blessed him.

A bid to 'transcend' race

Two days later, Vallas similarly held hands with former U.S. Rep. Bobby Rush as they marched down 47th Street into another church where Rush spoke about "leadership that will transcend race."

A founder of the Illinois Black Panther Party and a friend of 1960s activist Fred Hampton, who was assassinated in a police raid, Rush has likened the Chicago FOP to "kissing, hugging, and lawbreaking cousins" of the Ku Klux Klan. He explained his support for Vallas by denouncing street crime and arguing that it's "rank-and-file" officers who are behind Vallas.

As Rush shuffled away from the glass podium after wrapping up with a vigorous "Elect Paul, y'all!" chant, Vallas' eyes stayed glued to the ground. He fidgeted with a stack of papers, appearing to blink back tears as supporters behind him said, "You got it, Paul."

Ten seconds later, Vallas pointed an index finger up in reassurance, swiveled the mic over and spoke, focusing largely on public safety, the issue he's made the main point of contrast in the contest.

Over the course of the campaign, Vallas has ramped up assertions Johnson would defund the police, saying it "would have a devastating consequence on our city." Johnson has flat-out denied that he would defund the police.

"If I win, we will make our city safer by prioritizing the filling of police vacancies and the returning of police to the local beats," Vallas said. "The stakes in this race could not be higher."

It was inside the Pullman Community Center on the Far South Side where Vallas unexpectedly encountered another fault line in his efforts to prove that he's not too conservative for heavily blue Chicago.

As children hit Wiffle balls in the background and Vallas spoke to a group of mostly Black women about his public safety plans, he was asked about how he would address not just "murder in the streets, but also the murder in the womb."

"Are you pro-abortion?" Jan Nunnally asked.

Vallas stumbled over his words slightly but said he supports "a women's right to choose in my household."

Vallas, right, pauses for a selfie with Alex Lambert on a Red Line train on Thursday. **EILEEN T. MESLAR/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

"Do you support a women's right to murder?" Nunnally followed up. "You're a man of God."

"I'm not going to tell my wife or my sisters. I'm not going to have the government regulate," Vallas said. "Thank you, though, nice question."

In 2001, when Vallas ran for the Democratic nomination for Illinois governor against Rod Blagojevich, he told Associated Press he personally opposes abortion on religious grounds, but would not support restrictions on abortion rights.

In 2009, he said he was personally pro-abortion rights but also that he was "fundamentally" opposed to abortion. Critics have pounced on that comment to argue he opposed reproductive rights, which he brushes off by saying his words are being taken out of context.

'Public safety is a human right'

Vallas has routinely invoked family to humanize himself. He talks about his wife, Sharon, who lives in Palos Heights and takes care of Vallas' mother while he stays in Bridgeport. The two have more or less lived separately for years, dating back to the time he worked in New Orleans, Philadelphia, Connecticut and Haiti, among other cities.

During one campaign swing, Vallas stopped at the annual St. Joseph's Day dinner hosted by the Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans, which is suing the city over Lightfoot's decision to remove the Christopher Columbus statue in Little Italy.

Vallas shook hands until he was called to the podium, where he joked that he and campaign manager Brian Towne were going to move in together and go to couples therapy.

Vallas highlighted his family's record of public service, including six veterans in the family, four police officers and a firefighter. But he saved a special shoutout for his wife, who works overnight at the Transportation Safety Administration at Midway Airport so they can have health insurance, he said.

"She does it because the Vallas family has always been about public service and sacrifice," Vallas said.

Vallas is an occasionally awkward speaker and is known to overexplain, a trait that has harmed him in past runs for office and that he has worked to quell.

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Growing up, Vallas struggled with a speech impediment, which he said led to bullying and isolation. His 93-year-old mother, Mary, recalled those days in a recent Sun-Times interview, noting his evolution to his current reputation as a gabber: "I guess you could say that once Paul started talking ... he has yet to stop!"

Vallas kicked off his remarks to the Italian American group with a long-winded story about his fascination with the crucifix at St. Anthony's Church in Roseland growing up. When he finished, Vallas quipped, "I don't know why I just told you that story. It just came to mind."

The audience laughed. Then Vallas went after Johnson in dismissive terms, arguing he doesn't have a plan or strategy. Vallas often denounces Johnson as failing to have "substance."

"Public safety is a human right, and I'm running against someone who has always advocated for 'defund the police,' who talks about cutting the police budget ... who thinks that promoting 200 detectives from districts are suddenly, magically going to solve the problems of crime," Vallas said.

Vallas also said he won't be a successful mayor if he can't address broader issues, like disinvestment on the South and West sides, another common refrain.

"My ultimate success will be determined by my ability to take the community I was born in, like Roseland, and transform (it) into the community of my dreams," Vallas said. "I don't dream about any other community I've lived in except Roseland: the avenues, the stores, the activities, the public park, a school I ended up buying and renovating and investing so it's one of the extraordinary magnet schools in the city of Chicago — Gwendolyn Brooks."

After a standing ovation, Vallas signed autographs, sprinted to take a photo with an accordion player and grabbed a priest's hand to give it a kiss.

A man of many words

Vallas then stopped in at the Red Barrel Restaurant in Archer Heights for an event hosted by Ald. Silvana Tabares, 23rd. He apologized to the crowd for being late and blamed it on a televised debate earlier that night.

Near the end, Vallas went into his spiel about harnessing tax increment finance surpluses, the damage of property tax increases and why Johnson's plans would hurt business growth — then caught himself.

"I didn't mean to be wonkish, and I didn't mean to be so long-winded. This is what happens when you come from a debate and you try to say things you would have liked to have said in the debate," Vallas said. "Now you have to suffer for it."

Again, the audience chuckled.

Late that night, Vallas made one last stop at the swanky River North bar Tree House, where he was introduced by Gery Chico, a former CPS board president.

"Yes, I'm kind of a wonkish guy. I'm an issues guy. I try to answer questions. I try to explain how I will fix the problems and how I will address them," Vallas said.

As is often the case, Vallas lamented law enforcement shortages. He said only half the beat cars that are needed in the 11th Police District in Lawndale are available, leaving a troubled community vulnerable.

"The bottom line is communities have to be saved," Vallas said. "Nothing is possible if you're living in a community where you're literally being held hostage because seniors can't walk down the street to get their medicine or children can't play in their yards or people can't socialize on a Friday night or over the weekend."

He later returned to a common theme: Blasting Johnson for his ties to the powerful Chicago Teachers Union, where he still earns a salary and from whose political funds, together with those of closely allied unions, he received most of his campaign money.

"Do we want the Chicago Teachers Union leadership to do to the city what they've done to the Chicago Public Schools?" Vallas asked the crowd.

"No!" the room shouted.

"Do we?" he asked again, louder.

"No!" they shouted back.

"Sometimes I think I'm running against Stacy Davis Gates," Vallas said, referring to the CTU's outspoken president.

But Vallas has faced questions of his own about his education record. As he rode the Red Line to a Cubs game last week, a woman asked, "What's your stance on public schools?"

Vallas immediately turned defensive, asking, "What schools did I privatize?"

"Sorry?" she asked. Vallas repeated the question.

Ald. Tom Tunney, 44th, who was riding with Vallas, cut in gently, "She doesn't know your history."

After Vallas argued all the schools he opened as CPS CEO were public schools, the woman said, "I just heard that you are going more towards privatization."

"No, that's my opponent who wants you to believe that," Vallas said. "Now, they opened 15 new charter schools, but charter schools are public schools."

Another woman sitting nearby whipped her head back and sharply stated, "They're privately operated, but they use our tax money."

"No, charter schools are publicly funded, not-for-profit schools," Vallas said. The second passenger opened her mouth again, but Vallas kept going. "And most of them, and a large number of them, are actually alternative schools for overage underachievers."

Vallas appeared much more relaxed during this year's South Side Irish Parade in Beverly, his former neighborhood.

Whether it was paradegoers leaning over the metal barricades to snag a handshake or friendly first responders waving along the route, the people in the crowd on the Southwest Side appeared as if they were ready to coronate Vallas on the spot.

"Paul Vallas, Paul Vallas," sang a chorus of young children from a local Catholic school, their green-and-white ribboned float slowly squeaking underneath a fluffy snowfall. One of them pleaded with Vallas to add space heaters to the floats as mayor.

Holding it together that frenetic morning was James Sheahan, a former deputy of Mayor Richard M. Daley and an old friend of Vallas who is more famously known as "Skinny" among political circles. The two matched in knee-length black coats and dark gray berets, though Vallas tucked in an emerald green scarf.

With every familiar face that approached, Sheahan corralled Vallas to take photos. Whenever the loquacious candidate was dragging on a conversation, Sheahan barked "Paul!" until they got moving again. At one point, he even leapt over a pile of fresh horse poop while continuing to give Vallas pointers.

As Vallas walked down Western Avenue, he paid special attention to first responders.

"Hang in there," Vallas said to a firefighter, who nodded back.

While passing by a line of police officers raising their arms for a fist bump, he said: "Help is on the way."

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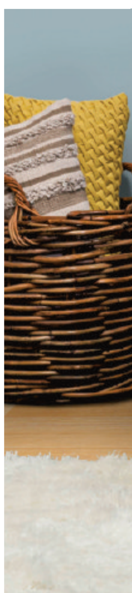

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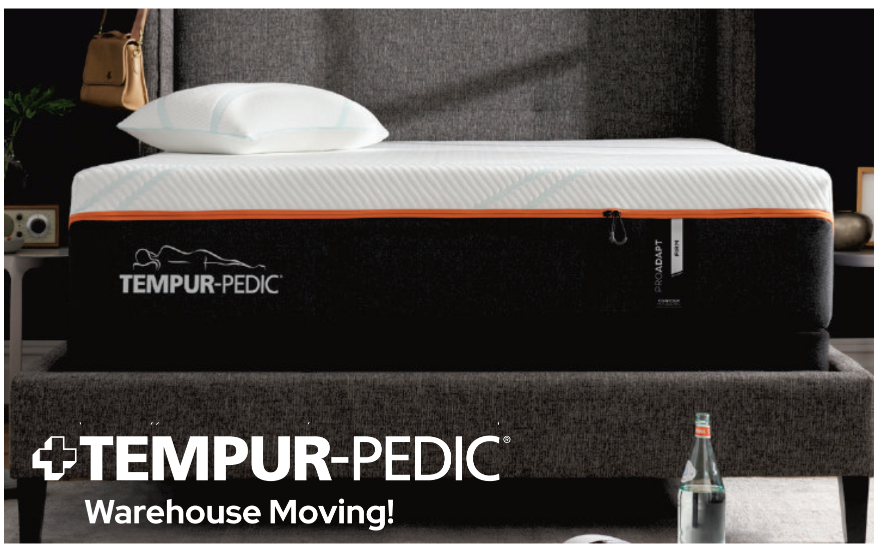

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Fans lining up for the White Sox home opener will enter Guaranteed Rate Field with digital tickets on their mobile phones. The Sox switched to digital-only ticketing this season.
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proof. You could show your friends and say, 'I was there.'

"In the digital age, every action is logged and time-stamped and able to be confirmed. But the irony is that attending a ballgame is the opposite, because now you don't have that tangible proof, and that's probably part of the instinct to film portions of the game with your phone because as a fan you yearn for that proof you were there."

Within the last seven years, Chicago's sports teams have gone all-in on transitioning from physical to digital tickets. And with it has come the erosion of ticket-stub collecting. Some moves were spurred by a team's league.

Digital tickets' appeal is largely three-pronged: the security of tickets, ease for fans to transfer them and access to tickets. There is a financial component too — the elimination of printed tickets requires fewer people to work at box-office windows before each game.

The Tribune reached out to the Bears, Cubs, White Sox, Bulls, Sky, Blackhawks, Red Stars and Fire for insight on the digital-ticket era — and the ripple effect for fans who still desire the printed version.

The Bulls and Blackhawks declined to comment.

The Red Stars "in a pinch" will offer paper tickets if needed, but it's a small number, Chief Business Officer Michael Ernst said. He wants the soccer team to be able to accommodate fans if necessary. The Fire use Ticketmaster SafeTix and have eliminated all PDFs and printed tickets. They went fully digital for the 2020 season, their first at Soldier Field.

"We do have an exception for printing tickets for large groups of 100 or more when needed," a Chicago Fire FC spokesperson said. "However, we do still have clients that manage ticket orders of that size digitally."

The Cubs initially launched mobile tickets in 2017 and went fully mobile in 2019. The White Sox are also all digital now but will print tickets after the fact on Ticketmaster stock for season ticket holders who request it. The Bears moved to an all-digital-ticket format beginning with the 2019 preseason, a decision across the NFL. COVID-19 restrictions prompted the Sky to go completely digital in 2021.

"The response has been mostly positive," said John Thompson, Sky vice president of ticket operations. "We have tried to communicate and educate our fans about the process early and often to alleviate the struggles of change."

The security digital tickets provide in essentially eliminating counterfeit tickets and transactional ease have fueled digitalization across all sports.

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Blackhawks season ticket holder Jim Vertucci shows his tickets for the Stanley Cup Final.
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WRIGLEY FIELD

Darryl Jacobs holds Chicago Cubs tickets his firm uses to entertain clients in 2018.
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Cale Vennum, senior vice president of Marquee 360, who oversees Cubs ticketing, wishes the technology had been in place in 2016. Vennum vividly remembers being in the box office at Wrigley Field before the World Series home games when a couple from Ireland, who paid thousands for Game 5 tickets bought outside the ballpark, were denied entry. The bar codes on their tickets were invalid, either already used or sold elsewhere, and ultimately they couldn't get in.

"They missed Game 5, and there was no replacing that," Vennum said. "What you've seen with mobile tickets is everyone has the expectation that access to their tickets should be instantaneous. And what we found is if you printed a ticket ... it was ripe for fraud."

The ticket evolution leaves fans and collectors who want a stub to commemorate their experience in a tough spot with limited options. From commemorative items to non-fungible tokens to fandom nostalgia, ticket-stub mementos are becoming obsolete.

Commemorative tickets

Lucas Giolito's no-hitter created a conundrum.

The Sox right-hander completed the feat on Aug. 25, 2020, in front of hundreds of cardboard cutouts. The pandemic forced teams to play that season without fans, leaving the Sox to find another way for fans to celebrate. They offered a commemorative ticket option for $27.

Brooks Boyer, senior vice president and chief revenue and marketing officer, isn't sure how many they sold but estimated around 5,000. He believes the ticket was sent to season ticket holders as a thank-you for sticking with the team through the fanless season.

"We thought it might be a very unique collectible," Boyer said. "I always like to say we'd led the league in attendance and ticket sales the year of COVID because everybody was at zero and we sold a certain number of Lucas Giolito tickets."

The Sox followed a similar approach when left-hander Carlos Rodón threw a no-hitter April 14, 2021. Only 7,148 fans attended the game at Guaranteed Rate Field as part of COVID-reduced capacity implemented by most teams and cities. The Sox offered two commemorative options. For the fans who were there, a $27 ticket could be ordered with their seat location. The team then put the unsold inventory back on sale.

"Baseball has this unique connection with the fans that I would hope in certain circumstances baseball would be leaders and looking at ways to continue with some sort of option of hard tickets that can be safe," Boyer said. "The important part of the issue is ticket safety. When they're on your phone, and whether they're being forwarded, they are very challenging to counterfeit. And with hard tickets, they could be counterfeited. So I don't see hard tickets coming back.

"But a way to give fans that option whether it's printed or an at-the-ballpark option, could be unique because it's baseball — everybody remembers their first baseball game."

The Cubs are introducing a commemorative ticket feature for all 2023 games. They can be purchased in MLB's Ballpark app for $8 each plus tax. One template image will be available initially, but the Cubs intend to add others throughout the season and/or for special moments, including a version specifically for opening day Thursday.

The Cubs originally piloted a version of the commemorative ticket program in 2019 when they transitioned to digital tickets because of fan feedback. But it wasn't very accessible, Vennum said, because the commemorative tickets didn't exist within the Ballpark app, making it difficult for Cubs fans to find. The vendor the Cubs worked with went out of business during COVID, so the team worked with MLB to integrate the option into the app.

"Honestly, I wish we had had it in place last season," Vennum said. "We wanted to make it as affordable as possible. This isn't a program that we're designing to drive revenue back to the organization. There's a portion of our fans that it's really important to, and we wanted to provide an option to them. Maybe it does take off and maybe that audience of people grows significantly from where it was in 2019.

"I'm excited to offer it and get feedback from our fans on if this meets the needs they had for wanting a commemorative ticket and then we can look to see if it can grow from there."

The Sky did not distribute any physical tickets during their 2021 WNBA championship run. Thompson said the team continues to explore commemorative options.

The Red Stars also are evaluating a stock ticket option for certain games and looking at companies to potentially partner with. Ernst would like the team to be able to create a ticket keepsake for fans who attended a notable games, including those who saw a record broken or championship game.

"I like to try to put myself in the fan's shoes, what would rise to a level of importance for me, because there's different levels of importance of games and memories," Ernst said. "We have yet to win the NWSL championship. Hopefully that changes in 2023, and that championship, the first one for the franchise, to me would make sense versus maybe if somebody had their first goal. That's a big moment for that particular player, their family and anybody that supports that player, but maybe not to the whole fan base."

Loss of ticket stubs a tough sell

Parker Teufel knew something potentially special was about to happen at the United Center.

Every year he heads to the UC to watch the Blackhawks play the Washington Capitals with a good friend who is from the D.C. area. This time history was on the line when the Capitals' Alexander Ovechkin faced off against the Hawks three goals shy of 800 in his career, a milestone only two NHL players had reached. Twenty-four seconds into the Dec. 13 game, Ovechkin scored. By the end of the period, he added another, and Teufel, 31, of Lincoln Park, realized, "Wow, this could happen."

Once Ovechkin netted the hat trick and 800th goal at the 6:34 mark of the third period, Teufel knew he would go to the box office the next day and ask for his ticket to be printed to hold on to of the memorable moment. Teufel's request didn't get far.

"They said that they don't even have whatever is the ability to print tickets," Teufel said. "It's just interesting how technology has made things more efficient to get into the games. I don't think we should change anything about those methods, like, yeah, I totally agree it's more efficient and people are less likely to lose tickets."

Had Teufel been able to get a printed copy of his digital ticket, it would have been valuable among the memorabilia-ticket market given the scarcity. Only one ticket from the Ovechkin hat-trick 800th-goal game has sold on eBay, going for $450 on Dec. 27. The seller revealed in a Facebook ticket-memorabilia group that he arrived at the UC after the first period and told a person at the box office he had left his phone at home. They printed his ticket.

"I feel like we need to get back to some mementos for people to be able to prove they were at the game for themselves, but then also there is obviously a real big dollar marketplace for these things," Teufel said.

Tom Meade, 30 of LaGrange, will pull out a shoe box every once in a while filled with hundreds of ticket stubs, predominantly from Cubs games in the 1990s. Looking at them sends him back to a time of

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lower ticket prices, sometimes sponsored by now-defunct businesses, and "specific memories of foul balls caught (and dropped)" with friends and family.

Meade looks forward to sharing the stubs with his kids to give them a glimpse of a past that included him on a whim taking the train downtown to watch JJ Redick and Duke take on Valparaiso at the United Center in 2004 or his ticket for the Cubs' nonexistent Game 1 of the 2015 World Series.

"It pains me to see these go as they are a complimentary and genuine souvenir for an experience, something you can't order online for fake validation, especially at a time where ticket websites buy up most tickets and add a 70% up-charge of fees," Meade said. "Being able to think back to physical tickets as the norm reminds me of how precious these events used to be. Back when somebody told you they had a spare ticket, you would jump on the opportunity, regardless of the game or day of the week."

Mike Crawford, 38, uses MLB's Ballpark app to digitally record the games he has attended. But the Chicagoan realized the app didn't fully capture all of his games. So as a self-proclaimed perfectionist, he checked his Ticketmaster app. Then StubHub. Then VividSeats. Crawford used timestamps from emails, photos and social media to piece together the games he went to. And even after all those steps, Crawford estimates he has recorded 95% of them.

But for someone who had held onto ticket stubs as mementos, Crawford said: "It's a little bittersweet that those are increasingly rare."

White Sox fan Paul Aspan, 71, who grew up in Garfield Ridge and now resides in Havertown, Pennsylvania, is ambivalent to the transition to digital tickets. Although he cherishes his souvenirs, which include framing his Sox tickets from Games 1 and 2 of the 2005 World Series, Aspan enjoys the convenience of having his cellphone serve as his mobile ticket.

In his home office where his World Series tickets hang, Aspan also has photos of Sox lefty Billy Pierce, who pitched in the first game he attended, and José Contreras throwing the first pitch of the World Series. Both images remind Aspan of his dad, who died 23 years ago.

"Until now it's never occurred to me that I might wish I had another ticket stub from some future 'big game,' " Aspan said. "There's more than one way to frame a memory."

Non-fungible tokens (NFT)

Digital tickets potentially could create other avenues to connect fans as teams explore ways to fully utilize this new arena.

Non-fungible tokens (NFTs) have gained popularity over the last four years, though Chicago teams expressed varying levels of interest in testing whether they would add value to digital tickets. NFTs exist on a blockchain, can't be replicated and, depending on the marketplace, often are acquired through cryptocurrency. The NFT space is popular in the art world, but the volatility of cryptocurrency remains a wild card.

The Bears gave ticket holders a commemorative virtual-ticket NFT for certain home games last season, including Sept. 11 against the San Francisco 49ers and Dec. 24 against the Buffalo Bills. It was part of the NFL's initiative starting in 2021 to expand into NFTs to increase engagement with fans and find added value to a digital ticket.

According to the Bears' website, fans must scan in at the game with a ticket to be eligible. Within seven days of the game, the email address associated with the scanned ticket will receive more information about how to retrieve the NFT.

The Bears declined to make someone available for this story, instead stating through a spokesperson: "For today's fans, we try to create unique photo opportunities and shareable moments in and around the stadium. For the fans looking to take something tangible home that is dated and specific to that game and opponent, the game-day program and game-day pin are their best options."

A fan uses a ticket scan to enter Wrigley Field before the Chicago Cubs play the Pittsburgh Pirates during opening day on April 1, 2021, in Chicago. **ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Other Chicago teams are taking a wait-and-see approach. The Sky haven't issued any NFT elements yet. The Red Stars, Ernst said, could tap into NFTs in the future, with a possible strategy in place by 2024.

"We want to make sure we get it right because whenever you're talking about new technology, people want to take time to learn and they want to be able to trust what they're using," Ernst said. "We're just trying to figure out who we think is the best partner."

The Cubs do not have any plans to incorporate NFTs into their digital tickets. An NFT commemorative ticket was available to fans at the Field of Dreams game in August between the Cubs and Cincinnati Reds.

"It seems that the NFT bargain market has not materialized in the way that folks thought it might, especially in the commemorative space," Vennum said.

Boyer believes NFTs in the sports digital ticket arena are in the starting phases. He does not anticipate the Sox incorporating NFTs for digital tickets this season, noting, "We would be followers, not leaders, on this one."

"I'd like to see somebody who's doing it really well where their fans have really engaged on it and see if we could follow the lead of someone who's doing it with some level of success," Boyer said.

What comes next

Where do digital tickets go from here?

MLB's Ballpark app holds tickets in a digital wallet when purchased through a team site. It also allows each team to customize its individual page to provide pertinent ballpark information and post its schedule with a link to purchase tickets. During the regular season, Cubs and Sox fans also can use the app for mobile ordering concessions to their seats.

For major-league teams, the app can lead to more advancements in the fan-team relationship.

"We can always be smarter about how we offer you things that are relevant to you and why you're coming to the game," Vennum said.

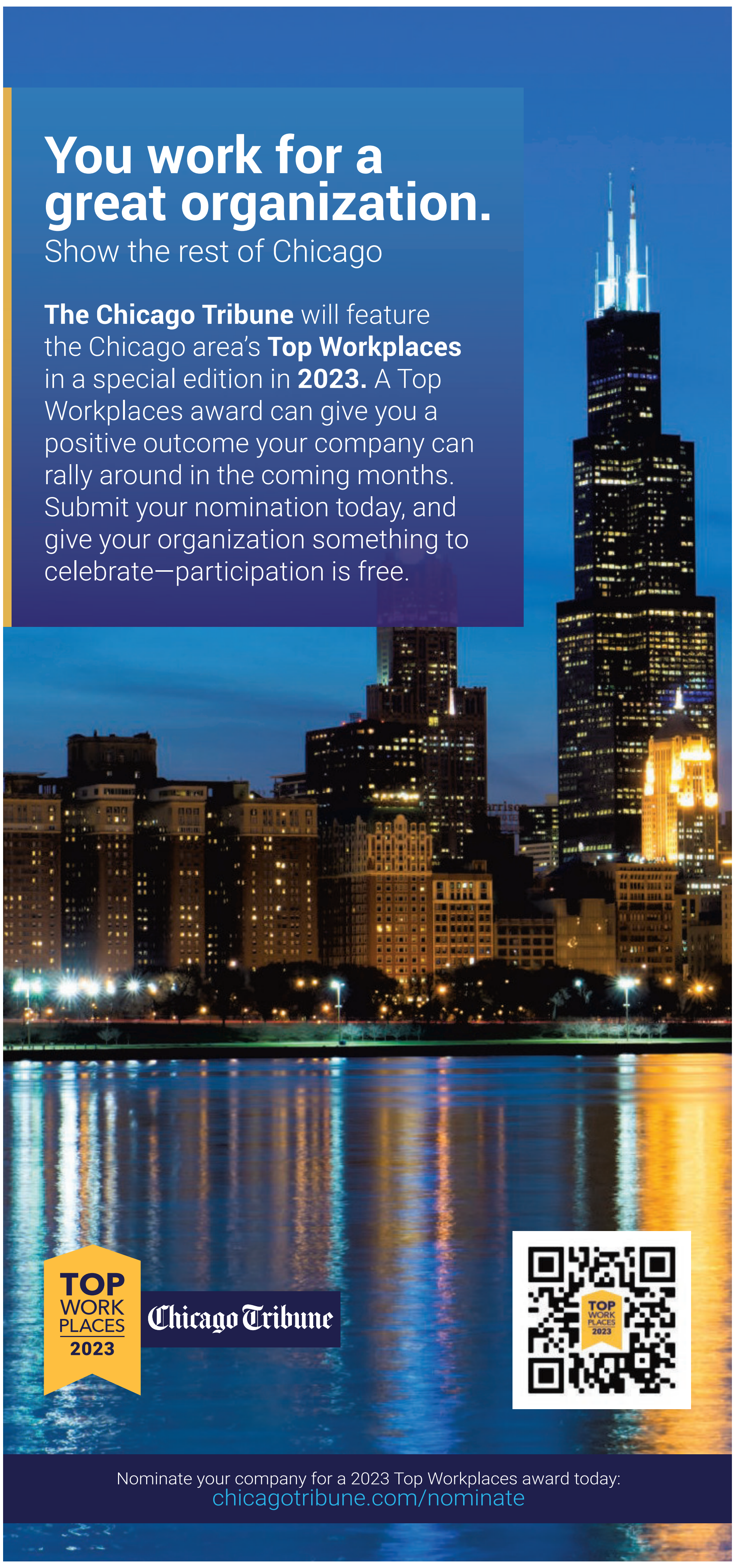
The data teams can glean from digital tickets represents a potentially untapped gold mine. Unlike paper tickets, the digital realm provides more insight on understanding on fans.

"Generally speaking, the fan has to be at the center of what we do because ultimately those that support us off the field are the thing that is most important, other than the athletes on the field," Ernst said. "But then also trying to think through what's the best way to do that in a cost-effective way because at the end of the day, sports teams are all businesses. They're trying to balance costs with revenue.

"That's always going to be a challenge to try to figure out how to crack that code."

And fans are trying to find ways to remember big moments in sports.

"The next generation doesn't necessarily care about the things the previous generation cared about it, they don't necessarily view their experience as having been diminished as a result of not having physical tickets and they probably don't really care," Silverstein said. "Those little elements that form your identity as a sports fan and make you realize that there's this whole world that's about to open up to you — physical tickets were a part of that world."



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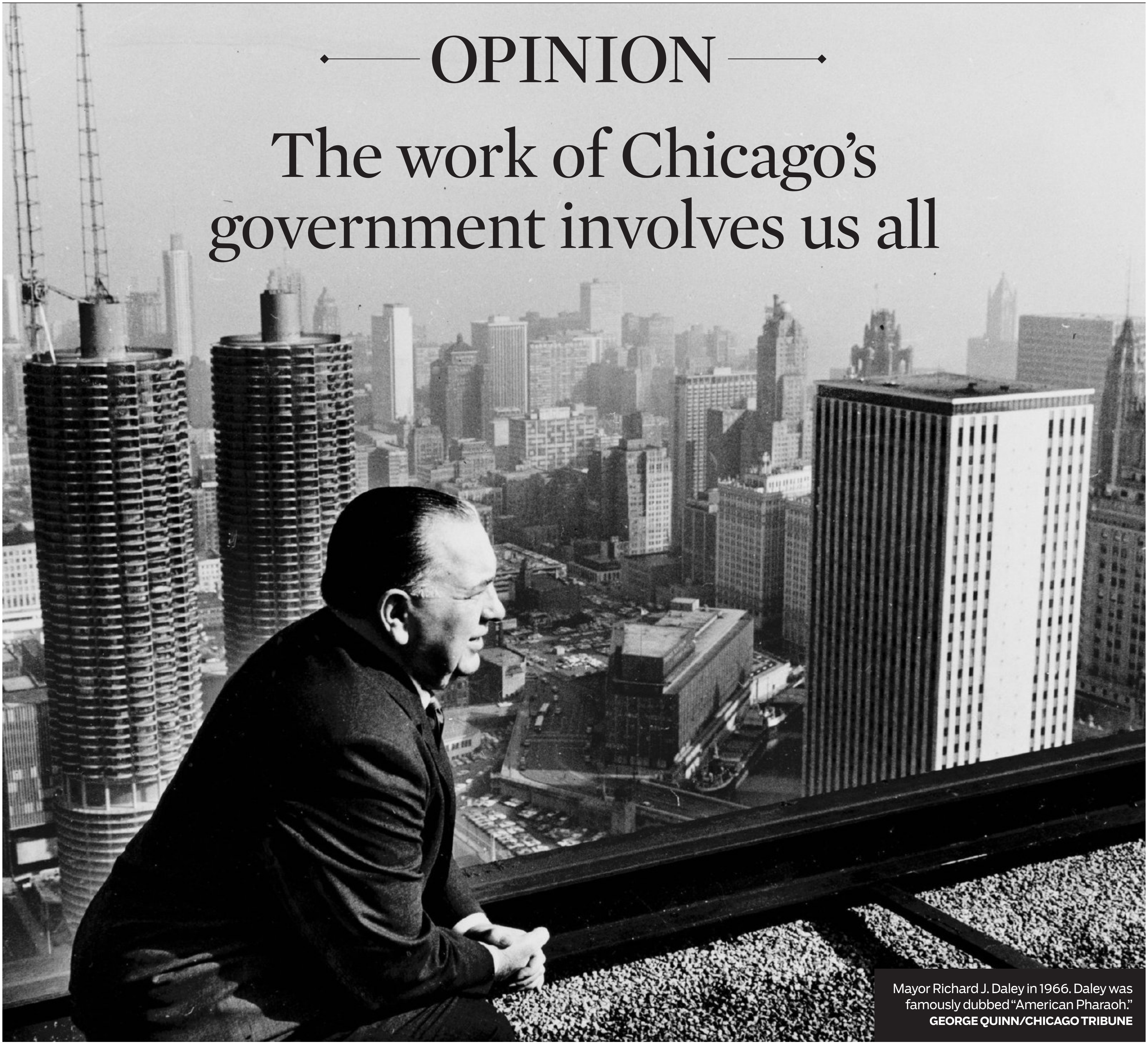
OPINION

The work of Chicago's government involves us all



Mayor Richard J. Daley in 1966. Daley was famously dubbed "American Pharaoh."
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By Ciera Bates-Chamberlain, Michael Pfleger, Seth Limmer and Otis Moss III

On Tuesday, Chicago's crazy election season will come to a close. A full complement of 50 aldermen will have been elected, as will one new mayor. Some of us will be happy with the results; many of us will be disappointed.

In our city, there are few clear consensus candidates. We have been taught, in this American media environment of the 24-hour news cycle and vicious smear campaigns, to expect winners and losers. We even expect, on Election Day eve, either to feel like winners or losers ourselves.

Your mayoral candidate may have won. They may have lost. But the truth of the matter is that Chicago's mayor will succeed if we, Chicago's citizens, put in the hard work to ensure they succeed. Our new mayor will be only as good as we demand him to be. Our vote on Election Day is, in some ways, only one small role we play in the governance of our city.

The reality of the fact is that, whoever is elected, our candidates are only as good as we make them. Political wins and losses are not achieved in election seasons but in the work of governance that follows. Much of the conversation of the last few months has been about a strong City Council or a weak one. But the work of government involves us all. We cannot be weak residents. We must be engaged.

We have an obligation to cast our proverbial vote, to raise our actual voice, to advocate for our policy priorities, to demand action on the pressing needs of our time, each and every day of the next four years before we return to the municipal voting booth.

We can neither wait nor sit back and watch. We must work from the outset, from Wednesday forward, to ensure our city rises from its current state to a future redeemed.

This is the lesson not only of our election season but of our sacred season as well.

One of our mayors was famously dubbed "American Pharaoh." As Passover approaches, we are reminded that leaders, left to their own devices, will do what is best for themselves, what preserves their power. They, like the pharaoh of Exodus, can design policies that cause separation and suffering, especially for marginalized groups, but really for the society as a whole. In the face of entrenched power, whether in Egypt or City Hall, we not only need figures like Moses to proclaim a mission of liberty but also an engaged community to take that march to freedom. One lesson of the upcoming Seder is that only by marching together does society turn toward its best self.

Easter and Passover arrive at the same time, and each brings its own unique message of personal responsibility. The resurrection story is not just about Christ rising but also about the obligation, resting upon all the disciples, to continue to proclaim and witness the good news.

That same responsibility to proclaim and witness rests on us as well. In just a few days, a new mayor will be elected. We know too well that, after any election, most people simply sit back and expect the elected candidate to fulfill their campaign promises. However, history shows us that promises made during election season tend to fall to the side of the road after the final votes are counted. Worse, we're sometimes told to wait and give elected officials the time to implement their priorities, until so much time passes that, only by looking back, do we see those promises broken.

As engaged citizens and people who desperately need a better Chicago than the one we inhabit today, we can neither wait nor sit back and watch. We must work from the outset, from Wednesday forward, to ensure our city rises from its current state to a future redeemed.

There are too many pressing concerns for us citizens simply to pass the problem off to politicians. We must stay engaged to share our voices, ideas and input to work toward true economic equality, meaningful police reform, centralized approaches to reducing gun violence, sustained expansion of access to mental health services, deeper work in climate justice, expanded programs for welcoming refugees and immigrants, and a moral budget that unites our highest expectations with how we spend our tax dollars.

The offices of elected officials seem to paralyze them because of a system set in place to continue "business as usual." Like the disciples after the resurrection, the proclaiming of good news and the future of Chicago lie in our hands. Like the children of Israel enduring the bitterness of oppression, the path to the promised land is ours to walk.

We've seen a lot of passion and pressure during the runoff campaign. We need the same and more beginning Wednesday. We're looking for the new mayor to be the answer. The truth of this season is that we must be the answer.

Chicago faith leaders Rabbi Seth Limmer and the Revs. Otis Moss III, Ciera Bates-Chamberlain and Michael Pfleger joined the Tribune's opinion section last summer for a series of columns on potential solutions to Chicago's chronic gun violence problem. The column continues on an occasional basis.

Vote for mayor who values work educators do for students

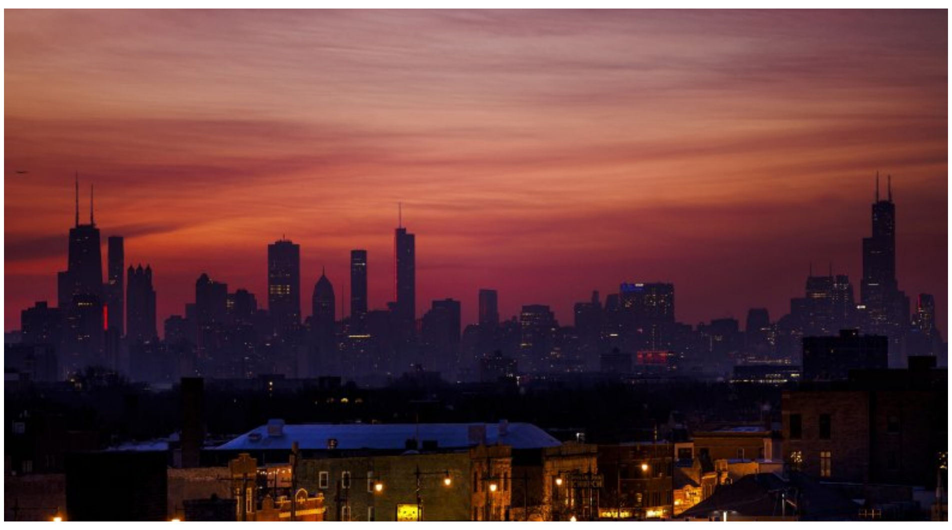
By Stacy Davis Gates

I'm a mother of three Black children, a wife, an educator, a unionist, a homeowner, a taxpayer and a community member, and this election matters to me. Of course, every election matters, but there are times in history when some matter more than others. And for the city of Chicago, this is that moment.

I want fully funded public schools for my three children and for all Chicago children. I want them to love school and explore the arts, sports and world languages — all the things children in the suburbs and in Chicago's elite public schools take for granted. I want them to think critically, be well rounded and have compassion for those in need.

I also want safe streets, free not only from violent crime but also from abuse at the hands of unconstitutional policing. I want to be able to send my children out to play or ride their bikes and not fear for their lives, and I want that same security for other mothers. I do not want our families and children living in fear.

I want a city that builds community and brings people together instead of driving them apart with racist dog whistles. I want a city that provides housing for the unhoused and mental health services for those in need, a city that prioritizes treatment not trauma. I want a city guided by love and support for its people.



The sun rises over Chicago on Jan. 15. **ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

As a teacher, I want a nurse, social worker and librarian in every school. I want schools that serve students most in need to get more resources, not fewer, and I want educators to be valued for the professionals they are. I want this basic fact acknowledged: that the working conditions of teachers are the learning conditions of students.

For the last decade, educators in this city have been raising their voices to win more resources for our students and more investments in our school communities. Why must we have these same fights in 2023? Why is wanting a nurse and a social worker in every school a radical demand? Why can't we accept what other successful cities understand, that robust public services are the best way to provide public safety? And why do we have candidates in this race promising more of the same?

Our city is at a crossroads. We can go forward with a mayor who values the work we do for our students and the city of Chicago. We can choose a mayor who will work collaboratively with stakeholders to reverse the disinvestment our Black and brown communities have suffered for generations. We can choose a mayor who believes in public accommodations and is guided by the power of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream of the labor and civil rights movements working together to secure justice for all.

On Tuesday, we commemorate the anniversary of King's assassination, and fittingly in Chicago, we will have our chance to choose a new mayor. Seeing that my kids will be on spring break, I had already made a plan to vote early. I urge everyone to engage and examine the candidates and find the one who values your existence and all its intersections.

As a mother, wife, homeowner and educator, I have picked a candidate who I feel values my intersections and will build a stronger Chicago, for all. I have picked a candidate who values the work I do and the neighborhood in which I choose to raise my family. I have picked a candidate I believe will keep my children and my family safe.

As a city, we must choose someone who values all of us and centers the people in the city's policymaking. Together, we can choose that mayor. We must choose that mayor because the future of our city is at stake.

Stacy Davis Gates is president of the Chicago Teachers Union.

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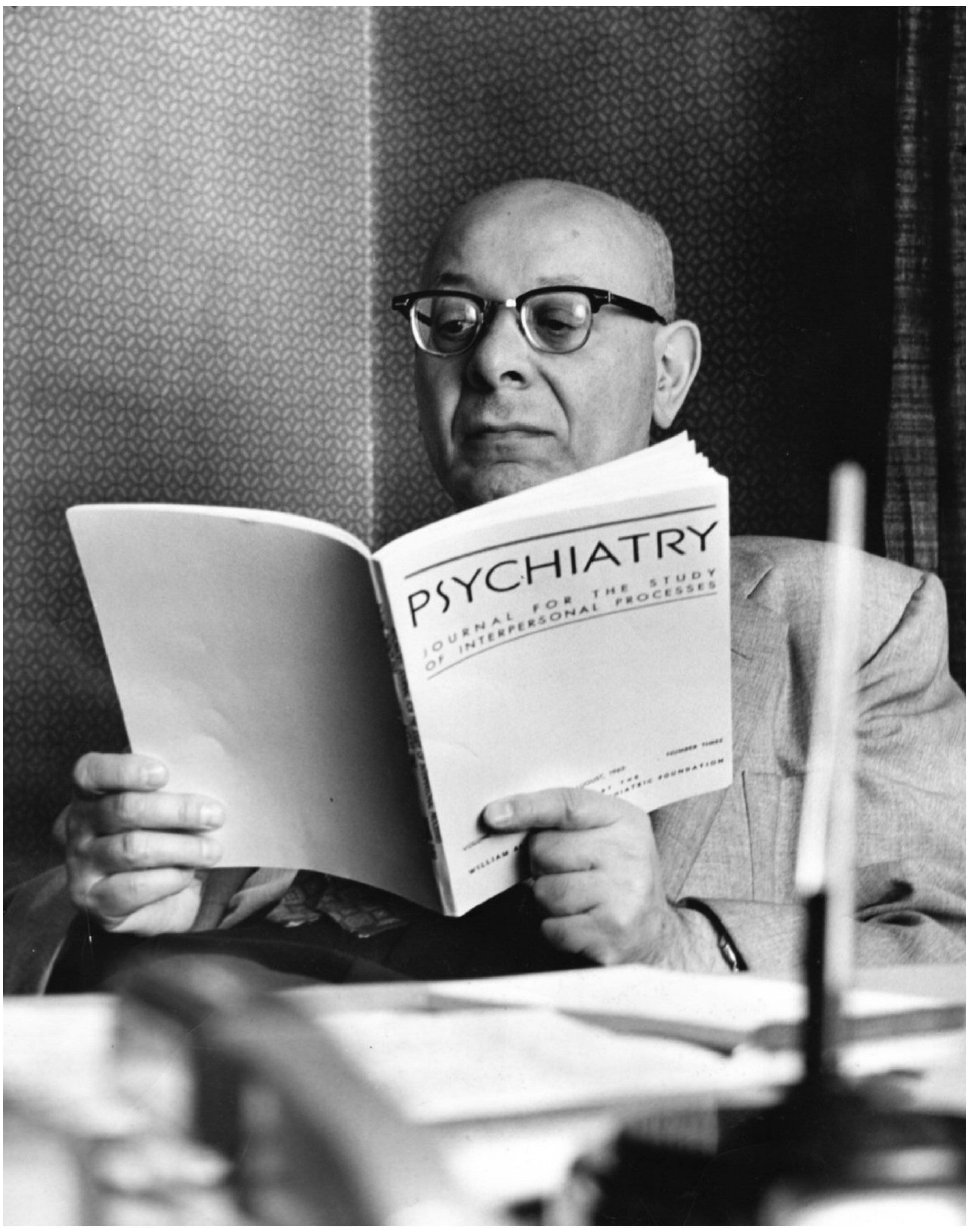
Breaking history since 1847

Bullied and broken

Bruno Bettelheim once was revered in child psychiatry. After his death, a darker story emerged.

By Ron Grossman | Chicago Tribune

By 2007, when the United Nations designated April 2 as World Autism Awareness Day, Bruno Bettelheim had been knocked off his pedestal in the field of child psychiatry. But three decades earlier, he was a popular-culture hero. ¶ Famously known as "Dr. B.", he made a cameo appearance in Woody Allen's movie "Zelig." His book "Dialogues With Mothers" rivaled in influence those written by the parenting guru Dr. Spock. ¶ But upon on his death in 1990, it became apparent that Bettelheim had pulled off a monumental scientific fraud. ¶ He wasn't who he claimed to be. He hadn't rescued children from autism's grip with compassion. Instead, he had bullied into submission his patients at the Orthogenic School, a residential treatment center at the University of Chicago for emotionally disturbed children, where he was director from 1944 to 1973.



Bruno Bettelheim, an author and child psychologist at University of Chicago, photographed in 1962. **CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

> ***"Sometimes Dr. B talked about growing up in Vienna, but only to illustrate some concept he was trying to teach you. Over the years, he would recount the same incident differently."***
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> *— Jacquelyn Sanders, one of his successors at the Orthogenic School*

In a 1990 issue of Commentary magazine, Ronald Angres recalled his 12 years in Dr. B's Orthogenic School:

"Though Bettelheim routinely proclaimed in print and speech that no one should ever use corporal punishment on children," Angres wrote, "I lived for years in terror of his beatings, in terror of his footsteps in the dorms — in abject, animal terror."

In the limited contact that patients were allowed with their parents, Angres begged to come home. But his father, a psychiatrist, refused to hear his complaints.

I experienced the blinding power of Bettelheim's deception. After the Orthogenic School, Angres enrolled in Lake Forest College, where I was a professor.

"Do you know Dr. B hit the children?" Angres asked at our first meeting.

I said I couldn't believe it. As a student at the University of Chicago, I had hung on every word of a Bettelheim lecture. I was transfixed by his book on fairy tales, "The Uses of Enchantment." It was obvious he had a gruff, domineering side. But could he have faked his resume and led autism research up a blind alley?

Born in Vienna in 1903, Bettelheim belonged to an affluent Jewish family. His university studies were interrupted by his father's death, which forced him to take over the family's lumber business. Some who knew him thought him less a scholar than a rich man's son.

"He was a playboy riding around Vienna in a red roadster,' " Bertram Cohler, who worked with Bettelheim and briefly headed the Orthopedic School, told the Tribune in 1990.

His University of Vienna transcript suggested Bettelheim's Ph.D. was in art history and philosophy, but it was never clear. He only took a few psychology courses, but the dean who hired him at the University of Chicago assumed Bettelheim had a second Ph.D. in psychology, until informed to the contrary by a Tribune reporter.

A wealthy American couple came to Vienna seeking help for their apparently autistic daughter. Not finding a psychiatrist willing to take the case, the girl was left in the care of Bettelheim's wife, Gina. She had worked with Freud's daughter Anna, who applied her father's theories to children.

Gina's experience — which Bettelheim later passed on as his own — became the source of Bettelheim's interest in milieu therapy, treating patients in a strictly controlled environment.

Gina also induced him to go to a psychiatrist, perhaps because their marriage was failing. The experience was brief, but Bettelheim later suggested that he'd undergone in-depth analysis, the prerequisite for certification as a psychoanalyst.

When Hitler annexed Austria in 1938, Bettelheim was deported to the Dachau and Buchenwald concentration camps. He found his life's work behind barbed wire.

He covertly studied his own and other prisoners' reaction to the beatings, which he later presented in a psychologically insightful paper. In "Individual and Mass Behavior In Extreme Situations," Bettelheim observed that the concentration camp was the blueprint for Nazi-occupied Europe

"It is the Gestapo's laboratory where it develops methods for changing free and upright citizens not only into grumbling slaves, but into serfs who in many respects accept their masters' values."

Bettelheim got to the University of Chicago with help from the Rockefeller Foundation, which found places for refugee scholars. He was assigned to assist Ralph Tyler, who was evaluating high school art programs.

Then Bettelheim was sent to teach art history at Rockford College. The school also needed someone to teach psychology, so Bettelheim volunteered for that post,

Tyler had administrative responsibility for the Orthogenic School, and needed to find a new director. Parents were upset with the incumbent, and Bettelheim somehow convinced Tyler to appoint him head of one of the few psychiatric facilities for young people. Richard Pollak, the author of "The Creation of Dr. B," a biography of Bettelheim, believed Bettelheim was driven by a desperate need to be somebody, and that the school provided an outlet for his ambitions.

"There was always a peculiar tradition on the American frontier, that when you were frustrated with your life, you simply pushed on farther West and reinvented yourself," Pollak wrote.

Pollak's brother, an Orthogenic School patient, was killed in a car accident. By Bettelheim's analysis the boy's death was "a thinly disguised form of suicide in which his parents participated in because of their own inadequacies," Pollak told the Tribune in 1997.

Bettelheim had borrowed a concept from Leo Kanner, who in the 1940s first described autism as an inability to empathize with others. Kanner, a child psychiatrist at Johns Hopkins University, considered the condition was due to inadequate mothering.

Kanner eventually rejected his own theory, but guilt-tripping "refrigerator mothers" was a hallmark of Bettelheim's career. He rejected the possibility of autism's origin being organic.

Freudianism was sacred scripture at the Orthogenic School. Counselors had to regularly lie down on Bettelheim's analytic couch and express their most intimate feelings. Surrendering secrets is the prerequisite to emotional growth, Bettelheim taught. But he didn't reciprocate.

"Sometimes Dr. B talked about growing up in Vienna, but only to illustrate some concept he was trying to teach you," recalled Jacquelyn Sanders, one of his successors at the Orthogenic School. "Over the years, he would recount the same incident differently."

The reason was obvious once Angres and other alums blew the whistle on the grim reality of life in the Orthogenic School's dormitories. Dr. B was making up his biography, one draft after another. Once that breach was made, verifiable facts replaced the fairy tales he told about himself.

His claims of notable success in treating autism were undercut by Sanders' revelation of Dr. B's gatekeeping. The most seriously disturbed children weren't admitted. In retrospect she wondered how many of those taken in were truly autistic.

By the time Bettelheim retired in 1973, child psychiatry was being realigned with science. Drugs were being developed that reduced attention deficits and hyperactivity. The disorder was renamed the "Autism spectrum," in recognition of its various manifestations and severity.

School boards created special education departments where autistic children got therapy without giving up the family life that Dr B.'s approach denied them.

In his final years, Bettelheim was isolated, increasingly forgotten by the profession of which he was the architect. He was estranged from the daughter who had provided him emotional support. Declining health forced him into a nursing home. The depression he intermittently suffered became chronic. He obsessed over how he would be remembered.

On March 13, 1990, he died after swallowing a batch of barbiturates and tying a plastic bag over his head.

Among the revelations that triggered was Roberta Redford's letter to the editor of Commentary. Orthogenic School counselors had silently witnessed Bettelheim beating her, she wrote.

"I was at a loss to understand this until a friend of mine, a mental-health professional herself, made an important point, namely, that professionals today are required to report to authorities even the slightest suspicion of child abuse, let alone anything as blatant as what Bettelheim committed."

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The end of a tough week. But a new start for Chicago.

Chicago has a crucial mayoral runoff election on Tuesday between two candidates with sharply different visions for the city. Something else is expected to be going on that day.

Even in this city, it's unlikely that the runoff's winner, either Paul Vallas or Brandon Johnson, will have the headlines to themselves. They will have something in common with the victims of the shooting at Covenant School in Nashville, Tennessee: Evelyn Dieckhaus, Hallie Scruggs and William Kinney, all 9, as well as custodian Mike Hill, Katherine Koonce, head of the school, and substitute teacher Cynthia Peak.

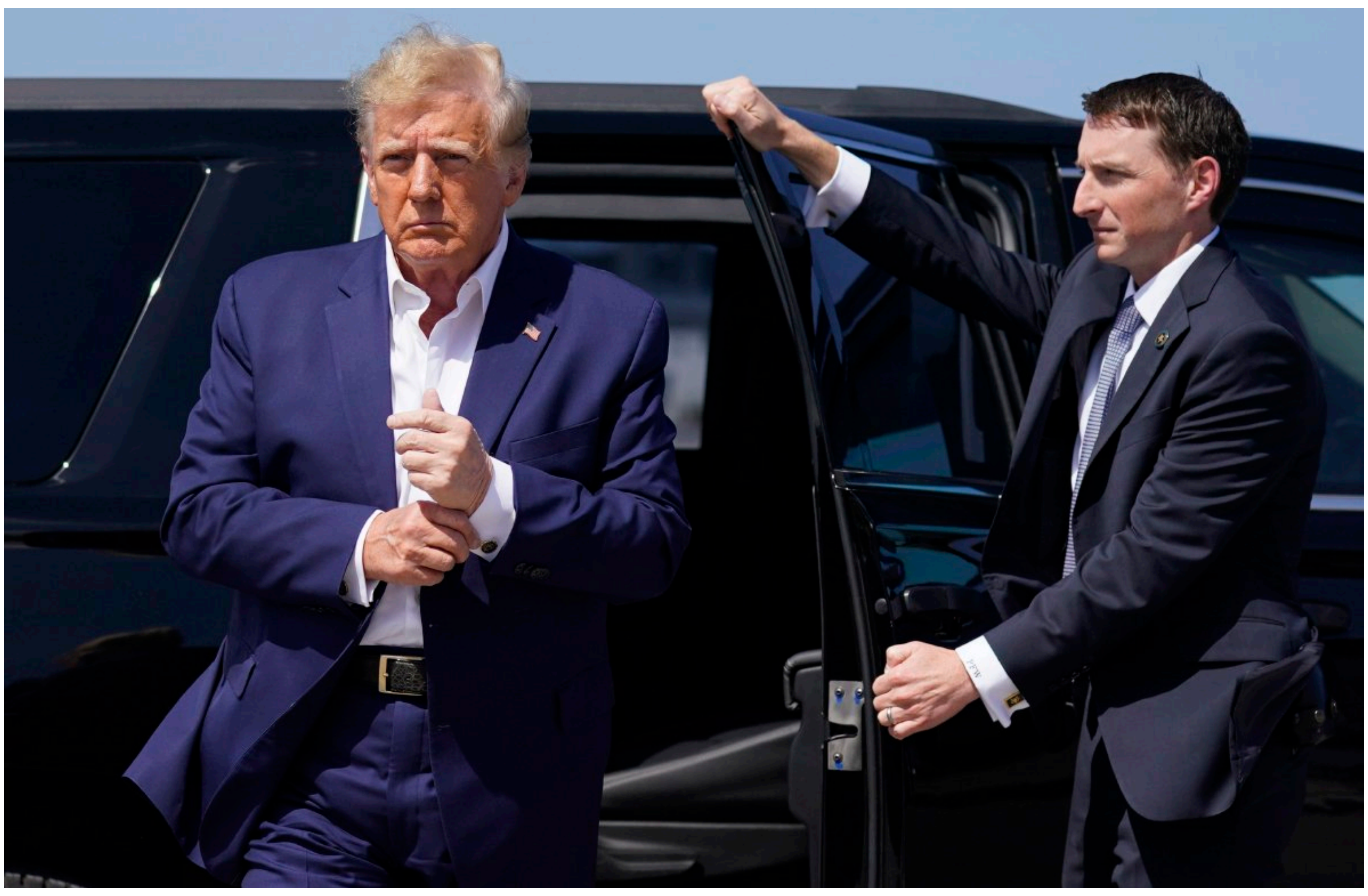
They too have quickly vanished from the news, as Americans angrily jousted with each other over transgender issues and the easy availability of lethal weapons. They disappeared even deeper into our collective Orwellian memory hole as Donald Trump, that narcissistic, one-man force of destruction, proved himself peerlessly capable of cleaving an America that should now be focusing on keeping its schoolkids safe.

On Thursday, reports emerged that Trump will become the first former president to face criminal charges, with a likely arraignment taking place Tuesday in New York, a place associated with Trump for most of his life. The charges are expected to involve so-called hush money payments made in 2016 to porn star Stormy Daniels who had been trying to sell her story about an affair with the former president, an affair he has denied.

Trump is expected to fly to New York, surrender and subsequently plead not guilty to all charges. He is not expected to do so quietly. His past behavior, which has included posting a threatening picture of himself with a baseball bat, would suggest he does not care about the impact of that occasion on the country. Some patriot.

Preempting the public release of the actual charges, our colleagues at The Wall Street Journal Editorial Board argued Friday that any criminal charges against a former president must "be solid enough that a reasonable voter would find it persuasive."

Which reasonable voters are those? That's a question we ask as politicians and their supporters predictably lined up along party lines. Even former Vice President Mike Pence, who has had a front-row seat to Trump's past flouting of the rule of law, expressed outrage at the unseen.



Former President Donald Trump arrives to board his airplane for a trip to a Texas campaign rally on March 25 in Florida. **EVAN VUCCI/AP**

Moreover, it is actually incumbent on the prosecutor not to persuade some apocryphal "reasonable voter" but a jury in the courtroom. Trump is presumed innocent of these charges until proven guilty, a foundation of the U.S. legal system that seemed to escape former House Speaker Nancy Pelosi as she referenced Trump "proving his innocence" in a crude social media post Thursday.

No one charged with a crime in the U.S. has to prove their innocence, even Trump. But no American is above the law, and that includes the former president. Charges do not have to be any more "solid" against a former president than the humblest U.S. citizen. That's a foundational concept of our legal system, just like the presumption of innocence.

Certainly, there are grades of severity when it comes to criminal charges. There are misdemeanors and felonies of various stripes, and the justice system hardly is free of negotiations and expedient choices. But those grades must be applied based on the severity of the offense, not the status of the defendant.

Al Capone, the notorious Chicago gangster responsible for many deaths, was convicted on five counts of income tax evasion and sentenced to 11 years in federal prison. Capone also committed far more serious crimes, but what mattered most on Oct. 17, 1931, was that he was found guilty of tax evasion.

So we suggest Chicagoans ignore the noise and just let the system do its unpleasant job on Tuesday, a task that most certainly requires the prosecutor to prove his motivations in charging Trump are not merely political and that the charges he brings match their definition. Just as mayoral candidates should be considered on their merits, so must any charges. It's as simple as that, however many screaming mouths tell you otherwise.

We consider the city lucky to have two smart, seemingly honorable candidates for mayor who have waged a hard-fought but ethical campaign. Their contest is far more interesting and infinitely more ennobling than anything happening next week in New York.

ABOUT TEXAS' BOOK BAN

Teenagers seem more interested these days in being on social media apps than reading classic novels.

But on those rare occasions that a 14-year-old may actually want to pull, say, "Lonesome Dove," off the school library shelf, he may not be able to if Rep. Jared Patterson's READER Act becomes state law.

The Texas epic contains some sexual content and mentions prostitutes so it "might need" to be banned, the Frisco Republican said last week during a recent contentious hearing of the House Public Education Committee meeting.

It was a surreal moment that revealed just how ridiculous the book ban debate has become. "Lonesome Dove" won the 1986 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction.

Patterson's law would require vendors to "rate" titles containing sexual content; those deemed "sexually explicit" could not be sold to public school districts. Schools would have to get parental permission before a student could access "sexually relevant material" in the library ...

Parents are in the best position to decide which books their children should or shouldn't read. Getting them to read at all is a battle in itself.

Which brings us back to those social media apps. A recent study by the child advocacy group Common Sense Media found that about three-quarters of U.S. teens have watched online pornography by 17. Social media was the second-highest source for this content, behind porn websites.

If Patterson and other legislators were serious about protecting children, they would be more concerned about the way tech companies serve kids violence and sex on a platter and leave school libraries alone.

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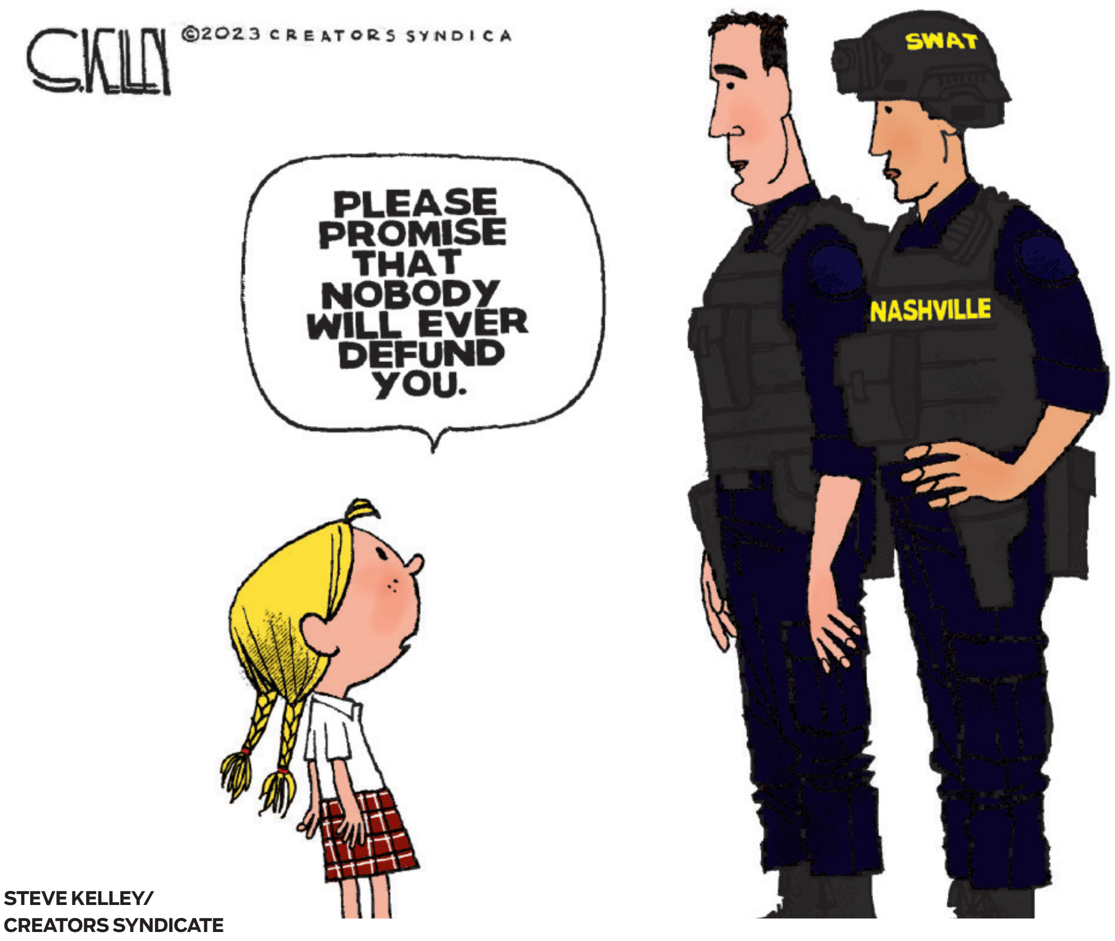

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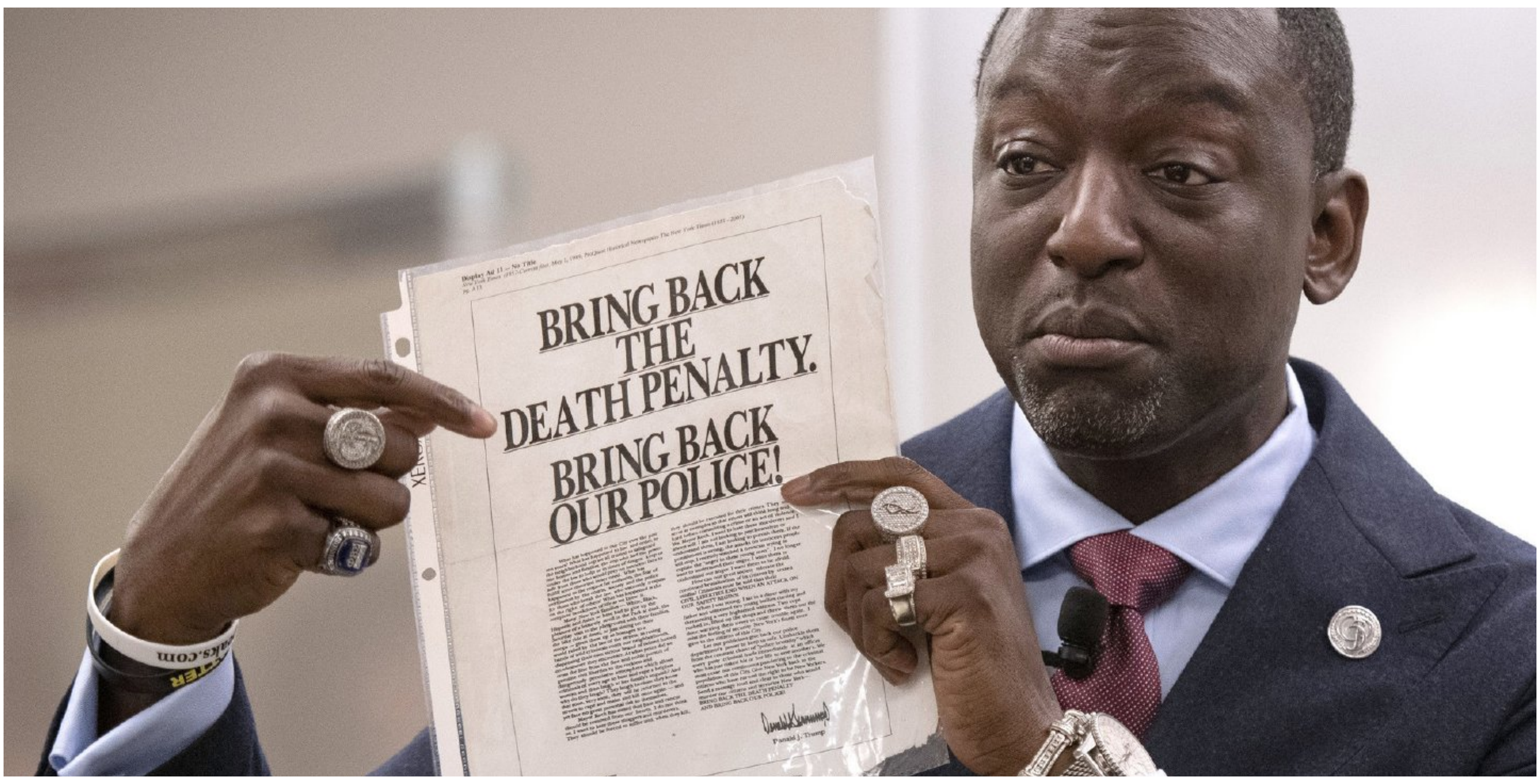
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Yusef Salaam, one of the exonerated Central Park Five, displays a full-page ad taken out in 1989 by Donald Trump in The New York Times. Salaam spoke at Purdue University Northwest in Hammond on Sept. 22. **MICHAEL GARD/POST-TRIBUNE**

Equal justice, even for Trump and other suspects

Clarence Page

Yusef Salaam, whom you may remember as one of the exonerated Central Park Five, had only one word to tweet to those who wanted to know his feelings about the indictment of Donald Trump:

"Karma," he offered.

Karma? I've heard about it.

Drawn from concepts of rebirth in Indian religions, I've been advised to think of karma as a form of cosmic justice: good deeds and intent lead to good karma and happier rebirths while bad karma may lead to times that are not so jolly.

Salaam was one of five Black and Hispanic teenagers wrongfully imprisoned for the 1989 rape of a white woman in New York's Central Park, a case that later was explored in a 2019 Netflix series "When They See Us" and a PBS documentary "The Central Park Five."

In 1989, before any of the five teens had been tried, Trump, then a major Manhattan real estate developer with a bottomless appetite for self-promotion, took out full-page newspaper ads calling for the death penalty to be reinstated in New York.

Adding kerosene to public anger at the time, the ads were reported to have played a major role in securing a conviction. So did false confessions, it turned out, since no DNA linked them to the crime scene and their descriptions of the victim didn't match.

Salaam served nearly seven years in prison before he and the other wrongfully accused teens — Antron McCray, Kevin Richardson, Raymond Santana and Korey Wise — were exonerated in 2002. Serial rapist Matias Reyes, already in prison, confessed to the assault and DNA confirmed his admission.

Ah, how the mighty have fallen. The presumption of innocence until proved guilty seemed almost nowhere to be seen in Trump's world when the Central Park Five case raged across the headlines and boiled over into a national media frenzy.

Yet, as Salaam mentions in his tweet, Trump — for whom "apologetic" is not part of his brand — never has apologized. Still, he seeks the presumption of innocence he has denied to others. So be it. Let's see how well his innocence claims hold up.

For now, Trump's chants of "Lock her up" in his 2016 race against Hillary Clinton come to mind. Now that it is he who faces what has been reported to be more than 30 counts related to business fraud in a sealed indictment from a Manhattan grand jury, I wonder: Can chants of "Lock HIM up" be far behind?

Still, the stress test to which the former president has put our criminal justice system offers a valuable opportunity to view fairness in our system with new eyes.

Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene, the ultraconservative Republican from Georgia, suddenly has become a major advocate for inmates of the District of Columbia jail, now that their ranks were joined by detainees from the Jan. 6, 2021, assault on the Capitol.

Interesting, I said to myself. Since the alleged insurrectionists are mostly white and the D.C. jail's traditional population is overwhelmingly Black, maybe now they can see how the other half lives.

Unsurprisingly, they were shocked. The jail's conditions, were so bad that 34 of them suggested in a letter to federal court last fall that they would rather be moved to Guantanamo Bay.

Detainees, through their lawyers, raised concerns that included threats from guards, standing sewage, and skimpy food and water. A federal judge held top jail officials in contempt after they delayed prompt medical care for a Capitol defendant in their custody.

Things have gotten better, spurred partly by Greene and other congressional visitors. But the irony of how it took 40 or so Capitol rioters to get more attention and action than the jail's roughly 1,400 total inmates is not lost, especially on the inmates of color.

Greene, seldom known for understatement, visited the jail and likened the rioters inside to "prisoners of war," implying that they were being punished for their politics.

Actually they're being held for a lot more than that. Don't forget the physical assaults on Capitol police with pepper spray, bear spray and riot shields, just for starters.

Equal justice for all is a cherished ideal in the American system, a system they tried to disrupt. We must do all that we can to preserve that ideal, even for those who try to destroy it.

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Costs of climate inaction

The editorial "Industry needs government to step up in battle against climate change" (March 29) rightly states the need for government to step up in our battle against climate change. It even delves into ways to make money in the new environment as we head toward a net-zero economy.

However, the editorial perhaps misses the most important money message about climate change. I maintain that inaction on climate change measures is much more costly than action. The cost mounts up in many ways, including the health of our citizens and livability on our planet, as well as economically for all of us. Each year, tens of thousands of people are hospitalized or prematurely die due to carbon emission particulates in the air. The same consequences happen due to temperature extremes caused by methane and carbon emissions in our atmosphere.

If deaths aren't costly enough, the affected people are missing work days, thus slowing our economic growth. Another major issue is that our changing climate is causing catastrophic weather to be more frequent and severe. According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in 2022, we had 18 $1 billion-plus weather-related disasters in the U.S. Hurricane Ian had a cost of more than $100 billion alone.

Some politicians try to convince the general public that the climate provisions in the Inflation Reduction Act and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law were too expensive. I contend that they were rather inexpensive, assuming we want to mitigate the negative effects of climate change. Also, those acts will grow our economy, creating millions of well-paying jobs while also reducing the number of days of work lost due to health and storm-related incidents.

The editorial suggests different investments to look into during our energy transition. I will avoid investment advice but remind young readers of growing job opportunities. Many already know that wind, solar and energy storage sectors are accelerating fast. However, do they realize that electricians will be in short supply and very highly sought after? Imagine all the residences and workplaces that need transition from gas to electricity as we transition the energy economy.

A truck passes wind turbines in Maroa, Illinois on March 18, 2022. **ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Our future can be bright if our national and local legislators keep us moving forward to clean renewable energy use as soon as is practical and possible.

— Jonathan Light, Laguna Niguel, California

Nuclear power in Illinois

The news story "Nations approve major new UN climate change report" (March 20) hit home for me as a wake-up call to take bold steps to avoid greater global climate catastrophes. Every day brings news of another climate tragedy at home or abroad.

Transitioning to a clean-energy economy will take a full-court press: building more wind, solar and hydroelectric power; electrifying buildings and vehicles; and conserving trees and other natural resources. We also need to look closely at replacing Illinois' remaining coal-fired power plants with carbon-free nuclear-generated power. Installing a small modular nuclear reactor at the site of a closed fossil-fuel plant carries the advantage of plugging right into the existing electric grid without additional investment or time-consuming permit applications.

More than 50% of Illinois' electricity already comes from nuclear reactors. More is on the way, thanks to an $800 million infusion of capital by Constellation at the Braidwood plant in Will County and the Byron station in Ogle County. This will add enough capacity to power the equivalent of 100,000 homes every year, and it will be like taking more than 170,000 gasoline-powered cars and trucks off the road.

I'm also encouraged by Illinois Senate Bill 76 and House Bill 1079, measures that would lift the decades-old moratorium on building new nuclear reactors.

If we can clear the way for more nuclear-generated power in Illinois, we'll tap into a solution that will help meet the greenhouse gas reduction goals that our future life on planet Earth demands.

— Joe Tedino, Chicago

Need for climate leaders

Thank you for a vital editorial about climate change and the need for a better regulatory framework.

An important comment toward the end notes the need for leadership at the state level. With national-level climate leadership in short supply, we need more climate champions (leaders) at state and local levels and in all sectors.

A lack of climate expertise does not need to deter potential climate leaders. What's needed are more people willing to step into the arena, engage others, learn along the way and persistently ratchet up our climate action.

Here's another nudge: Aspiring climate leaders can generate more engagement and clout by venturing outside personal and professional silos and crossing "boundaries" to create broader and more diverse collaborations. Conversations are the building blocks of change, most powerfully by reaching out to friends, colleagues and members of other work units, companies, sectors and geographical regions.

Project Drawdown offers lots of ideas for getting started. Every job is a climate job, they say, for making the progress we need.

— Thomas S. Bateman, Rockport, Maine

Majority of banks are sound

I did some banking online and read a message from the bank's chairman and CEO basically stating that individuals need not worry about the safety of their deposits after some customers expressed concerns about the failure of Silicon Valley Bank.

This bank and the vast majority of banks in America are sound. When too many people panic, it results in unnecessary bank runs, which can threaten the stability of financial institutions. It's similar to the way people panicked during the early stages of the pandemic and emptied the shelves when normal shopping habits would have left plenty of merchandise for everyone.

— Larry Vigon, Chicago

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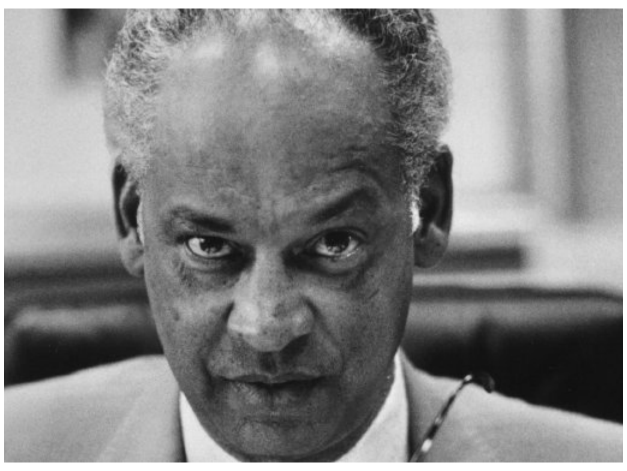
EDWARD GARDNER 1925 - 2023

Founder of Soft Sheen hair care company, South Side civic activist

By Bob Goldsborough
For Chicago Tribune



Edward Gardner, president of Soft Sheen Products, in his office on Feb. 18, 1983. **CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Edward Gardner took a risk when, almost 40, he left his career in education to start Chicago-based Soft Sheen Products.

The move paid off as he led the Soft Sheen to become the U.S.' largest Black-owned hair care company.

"His encouragement and integrity in the areas of community building and business building should never be forgotten," said Yvette Moyo, publisher of South Side Drive magazine, co-creator of the Real Men Cook brand and CEO of the Quarry arts and entertainment center on the South Side. "He coined the phrase Black on Black Love — and I use that hashtag all the time."

Gardner, 98, died at his home in the South Side West Chesterfield neighborhood March 20 after a long illness, said his daughter, Terri.

Born in Chicago, Gardner grew up in West Chesterfield and graduated from Fenger Academy High School. He served in the Army during World War II, rising to the rank of sergeant, his daughter said. Intending to become a schoolteacher, Gardner attended Chicago Teachers College — now Chicago State University — and started teaching at Carver Elementary School in Chicago.

While teaching, Gardner moonlighted as a postal employee, and also pursued a master's degree from the University of Chicago, his daughter said. He became assistant principal of the newly opened Beethoven Elementary School at 47th and State streets and also was acting principal for a year.

In 1964, Gardner decided to leave education to start Soft Sheen with his wife, Bettiann.

"There were people concerned that he was leaving a good job at the board of education, but because he was partnering with my mom, he felt he had nothing to lose," Terri Gardner said. "And he saw the success that George Johnson had" with Chicago-based Johnson Products.

Gardner expanded the company with assistance of a Small Business Administration loan. By 1980, the company had leapfrogged Johnson Products to become the largest company in the Black hair care field. The company's success was in large measure due to Carefree Curl, a curling product that dominated the industry and accounted for most of the company's sales by 1980.

Gardner eventually turned over leadership of the company to Terri and his son Guy. In 1998, with Soft Sheen generating about $95 million a year in sales, the company was sold to L'Oreal,

In the early 1980s, when Harold Washington indicated he would run for mayor if enough new voters could be registered. Gardner provided financial support for a major voter registration initiative that resulted in 148,000 new voters being added to the rolls by late 1982. He promoted the initiative with ads in daily newspapers, with spots on Black-oriented radio stations and on banners in Black neighborhoods.

Gardner and his wife were the principal financial backers of the $4.5 million effort to restore the old Avalon theater building, 1641 E. 79th St., into a music hall for Black performers. Opened in 1987, the New Regal Theater referenced the name of a previous theater devoted to Black entertainment, the Regal Theater, that was demolished in 1973.

"Our prime reason" for backing the theater's renovation, Gardner told the Tribune in 1987, "was to continue to enhance the inner city and the city of Chicago, to bring opportunity to people who want to go into (any) aspect of theater. The many jobs we are going to provide here are greatly needed by the city."

Since 1987, the New Regal has had a choppy existence, including closing in 2003, reopening in 2007 and closing again in 2010.

From the mid-1980s until 2000, Gardner was an investor in the Bulls, his daughter said.

Gardner continued working after stepping back from Soft Sheen, his daughter said. In 1992, he formed a recording studio and entertainment production company called Lady Roll, which helped bring musical acts to the New Regal Theater. And around 2000, he opened House of Kicks, a family entertainment center on a 12.6-acre site at 95th Street and Cottage Grove Avenue. The property previously had been a distribution center for Soft Sheen.

Gardner finally retired after House of Kicks closed in 2005, his daughter said.

In addition to his daughter, Gardner is survived by his wife of 73 years, Bettiann; three sons, Gary, Guy and Tracy; seven grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

Services are private.

Goldsborough is a freelance reporter.

Chicago Daily Tribune

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In 1513 Spanish explorer Juan Ponce de Leon landed in Florida.

In 1792 Congress passed the Coinage Act, which authorized establishment of the U.S. Mint.

In 1860 the first Italian Parliament met at Turin.

In 1865 Confederate President Jefferson Davis and most of his Cabinet fled the Confederate capital of Richmond, Va.

In 1917 President Woodrow Wilson asked Congress to declare war against Germany, saying, "The world must be made safe for democracy."

In 1932, on behalf of aviator Charles Lindbergh, a reporter turned over $50,000 to an unidentified man in a New York cemetery as ransom for Lindbergh's kidnapped son, Charles Jr. Never released, the infant was found murdered a few weeks later.

In 1956 the daytime dramas "As the World Turns" and "The Edge of Night" premiered on CBS.

In 1982 Argentinean troops seized the disputed Falkland Islands in the south Atlantic, from Britain. (Britain seized the islands back the following June.)

In 1986 four American passengers were killed when a bomb exploded aboard a TWA jetliner en route from Rome to Athens.

In 1992 mob boss John Gotti was convicted in New York of murder and racketeering; he died in prison.

In 1995 baseball owners accepted the players' union offer to play without a contract, ending the longest and costliest strike in the history of professional sports.

In 1996 a federal appeals court rejected New York state laws banning doctor-assisted suicide, saying it would be discriminatory to let people disconnect life support systems while refusing to let others end their lives with medication.

In 1999 the Labor Department reported that the nation's unemployment rate fell to a 29-year low of 4.2 percent in March 1999.

In 2000 more than 600 people set out on a five-day, 120-mile protest march to Columbia, S.C., to urge state lawmakers to move the Confederate flag from the Statehouse dome.

In 2003 American forces fought their way to within sight of the Baghdad skyline; Iraqi soldiers discarded their military uniforms by the roadside to hide their identity.

In 2004 a judge in New York declared a mistrial in the grand-larceny case against two former Tyco executives after a juror apparently received an intimidating letter and phone call for supposedly siding with the defense. (The defendants are being retried.)

In 2006 journalist Jill Carroll arrived in Boston, tearfully embracing her parents and twin sister after 82 days as a hostage in Iraq.

In 2008 President George W. Bush suffered a painful diplomatic setback when NATO allies rebuffed his passionate pleas to put former Soviet republics Ukraine and Georgia on the path toward membership.

In 2012 One Goh, a 43-year-old South Korean national, killed seven at Oikos University, a small religious college in Oakland, Calif. Also in 2012 , the University of Kentucky beat Kansas 67-59 to win its eighth NCAA men's basketball championship.

In 2014 Army Spc. Ivan Lopez, a 34-year-old truck driver, killed three people and injured 16 others before committing suicide at Foot Hood, Texas.

In 2015 an al-Shabab attack killed 147 people at Garissa University College in Kenya.

In 2017 at least 290 people died and many more were injured and missing when an avalanche of water from three overflowing rivers swept through the small city of Mocoa in Colombia while people slept, destroying homes and sweeping away cars.

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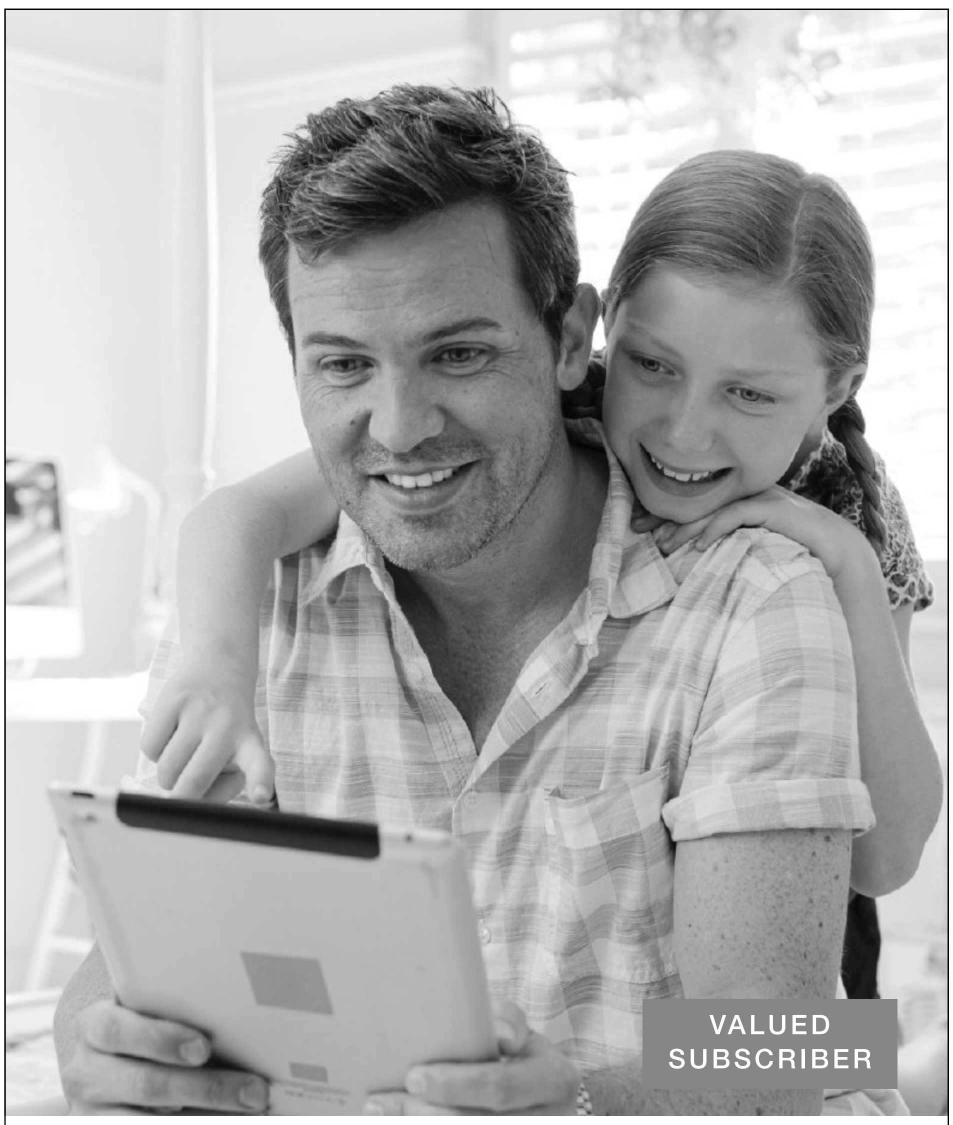

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In Memoriam

Julia Schroeder

Memories of my sweet daughter are all that I have left. I will smile through the tears. Happy Heavenly Birthday to the kindest and most beautiful daughter. I love you and miss you so much. I wish I could hug you!

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(Henricks) Salerno, JoAnne Marilyn

Joanne Marilyn (Henricks) Salerno, a life-long resident of Aurora, Illinois, passed away on Thursday, March 23, 2023, in Florida. She was a graduate of West Aurora High School and Patricia Stevens Modeling Schools. Within a few months JoAnne was teaching classes at Patricia Stevens. Recognizing her talent, JoAnne was sent to the Patricia Stevens Philadelphia facility to manage and direct. JoAnne also modeled professionally.

After returning to Aurora, JoAnne married Atty. Anthony (Tony) Salerno in 1955. In 1957, JoAnne started the JoAnne's School of Charm and Modeling, which she operated until 1984. She was active in every facet of beauty and beauty pageants. From 1972 to 2001, JoAnne served as the State Director for the Miss Illinois USA and Teen USA Pageants, becoming it's Executive Director in 1973. Her accomplishments won her state and national recognition.

JoAnne trained seven national winners, beginning in 1969 when Rose Marie Klespitz, of Aurora captured the title of Miss American Teenager. In 1973, Amanda Jones of Evanston won the Miss USA title. When Karen Morrison won the Miss USA title in 1974, JoAnne became the first Miss USA State Director to have back-to-back wins during her first two years.

In 1984, Cherise Haugen of Sleepy Hollow, IL won the Miss Teen USA title. Over the years, JoAnne produced and won hundreds of additional local and state pageants, including many winners of the Miss Photoflash Pageant. At one time, all ten finalists in the Miss Photoflash Pageant were or had been students of JoAnne's. Her professional efforts accounted for a national finalist in one teenage pageant every year since 1973. Her trainees have been featured on numerous magazine covers, local and national advertisements, movies, and television.

Eventually, JoAnne and husband Tony, began to jointly produce their own beauty pageants. They produced live telecasts on WGN-TV, Chicago, from 1979 to 1983. The show received Emmy nominations each televised year. The couple was featured in the Chicago Tribune article, Training Ground of Royalty, July 9, 1994.

In 1997, JoAnne and her husband retired to Boca Raton, FL, however, JoAnne continued to produce pageants until 2001.

JoAnne was preceded in death by her loving husband, Tony, mother, Rose Henricks Kifowit, father, Clarence Henricks, Sr., step-father Edward Kifowit, Sr, brother, Clarence Henricks, Jr., brother-in -law Robert Salerno, Sr., sister-in-law, Marilyn Spieler, brother-in-law, George Spieler, niece Elizabeth Spieler, and nephew John Robert (Jack) Salerno. She is survived by her sister in-law, Kathleen (Kathy) Salerno, and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial visitation will be held at **The Healy Chapel**, 332 W. Downer Place, Aurora, IL on Sunday, April 2, 2023 from 4:00 pm – 6:30 pm. A eulogy will be given at 5:00 pm by Jim Gibson, a 2014 inductee into the Fox Valley Arts Hall of Fame, the Emmy-winning TV host of the Miss Illinois Pageants on WGN-TV, and the former Director of Pageant Affairs of the Miss Universe Organization. Prayers to follow the eulogy. Interment will be at Mt. Olivet on Monday, April 3, 2023 at 10:00 am.

In lieu of flowers contributions can be given in JoAnne's name to K 9s for Warriors, 260 South Roscoe Road, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082, donate.k9sforwarriors.org or to St. Jude's Research Hospital, stjude.org. For more information or to sign the online guestbook, call 630-897-9291 or visit HealyChapel.com.

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Alebich, Anthony J. '"Bush"'

Age 94, proud Croatian American and Veteran in the U.S. Army, medic, Korean War; beloved son of the late George and the late Mary (nee Sabljak); loving brother of the late Helen (the late Michael) Ratkovich, the late Rose, the late Madge Alebich, the late Michael (the late Marion) Alebich, and the late John (Florence) Alebich; cherished uncle of Ann-Marie (Petar) Varvodic, Mary-Ellen, Joanna Ratkovich, Michael (Geri) Alebich, and Dr. Cheryl (Jerry) Pinotti; great-uncle of Dr. Michael (Lizzy) Alebich, Alexandra (John) Masterson, and Dr. Mary Pinotti; grea-great uncle of Francesca Jo Masterson, and Michael Marion Alebich. Life-time member of Saint Jerome Croatian Catholic Church and Gabric Boosters. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, April 4th at St. Jerome Croatian Church 2823 S. Princeton Ave., from 9:00 A.M. – 10:45 A.M. followed by Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 A.M. Interment St. Mary Cemetery.

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Astrella, Diane

It is with a heavy heart and great sadness that I, Tony Astrella, tell you the beautiful love of my life of 42 years has passed away and is in the arms of Jesus. Diane Astrella fought as hard as she could, but in the end it was too much for her to fight. Diane is the youngest daughter of John and Irene Stano. She is survived by her sister Marilyn Guillemette, husband Paul, aunt of nieces and nephew Diana, Brian, and Debbie. Diane is gone now but will never be forgotten. P.S. Gummi Bear…"Jelly Bean" says you will always be in my heart and thoughts. A visitation for Diane will be held Tuesday, April 4, 2023 from 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM with a rosary at 6pm at Valley of the Sun Mortuary & Cemetery, 10940 East Chandler Heights Rd, Chandler, Arizona, 85248. A funeral service will be held Wednesday, April 5, 2023 at 10am at St Juan Diego Catholic Church, 3200 S Cooper Rd, Chandler AZ 85286. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.valleyofthesunfuneralhome.com for the Astrella family.

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Baldo, Rosemarie

Rosemarie Baldo; age 95; Beloved wife of the late John F. Baldo; Loving mother of John P. (Jo Ellen), Donna M. Baldo, Joseph M., and the late Carla A. Westcott. And daughter-in-law Josephine Selvaggi; Loving grandmother of Nicole (Alan), Johnny (Kristin), Luke, Alexis, Katelyn, John, and Justin; Loving great grandmother of Dominic, Benjamin and Aubrianna. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League, www.peggyadams.org. Visitation Monday, April 3rd at St. Vincent Ferrer Church in River Forest at 9:00 a.m. until time of mass at 10:00 a.m. Interment Mount Carmel Cemetery

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Battreall, Stephen R.

Stephen R. Battreall, age 58, originally of Carmel passed away March 23rd, 2023. He was born November 18th, 1964 in Kokomo, Indiana to Ruth M. Battreall and the late Robert L. Battreall. Steve graduated from Carmel High School and DePauw University where he developed his lifelong love of football while excelling as captain of the teams. Steve graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics in 1987.

Steve then started his 29 year career at GE, culminating in him leading the Commercial Distribution Finance unit as he navigated the sale to Wells Fargo. Steve retired in 2021. He was an avid supporter of Junior Achievement and the United Way, where he served on the Board of Directors.

Steve is survived by his daughter Kaiti (Kevin) Corrigan; son Michael Battreall; daughter Hannah Battreall; mother Ruth Battreall; sister Lynne (Battreall) Carroll; brothers: Greg (Rachele) Battreall, Chris (Beth) Battreall, and niece and nephews Ben, Abigail, and Owen Battreall.

Steve was a very loving and generous man and was beloved by many.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, 10655 Haverstock Road, with the eulogy starting at 10:15 a.m. Visitation will be from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Monday, April 10, 2023, at **Flanner Buchanan – Carmel**, 325 East Carmel Drive; and one hour prior to the mass at the church. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to a Junior Achievement scholarship honoring Steve Battreall's leadership and dedication to the mission (please click dedicate this gift to note his name and ensure it is contributed to the scholarship fund). Online condolences may be shared by visiting flannerbuchanan.com.

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Benvenuto, Riccardo

Riccardo Benvenuto, M.D., known to friends and colleagues as "Dr. B", passed away on March 23, 2023 at age 94 at Northwestern Hospital in Chicago, Illinois. Dr. Benvenuto was born in Genoa, Italy on June 6, 1928, the son of Arturo and Maddalena Olga Benvenuto. He was the youngest child of the couple, with his father passing away before his birth, thereby leading him to be raised by his mother. His brother Edoardo preceded him in death in Savona, Italy. Dr. Benvenuto graduated from San Martino Medical School in Genoa, Italy in 1953. During this time he met the love of his life Maria who later became an international well known pediatric cardiologist. The couple married in 1960. After graduation and military service, he worked at the Italian Hospital in London and the University of Alberta Hospital in Edmonton, Canada and thereafter migrated to the United States where he undertook an internship in surgery at Northwestern University. He later specialized in vascular surgery and served many years in a teaching position and medical practice at Grant Hospital in Chicago. After many years of successful practice, Dr. Benvenuto focused on his favorite pastimes, including carpentry, motor vehicles, opera, yachting, and travel. Dr. Benvenuto was known for his larger than life personality, his dedication to the medical profession, and his love of the sea. His passion for the sea is manifested in many trophies for sailing competitions through the years. He was fond of his hometown Chicago because Lake Michigan reminded him of his native Mediterranean city of Genoa, where, with his wife Maria, he returned every year to catch up with many longtime friends. After retirement, the couple spent their summers on the Michigan shore near their longtime home. He will be sorely missed by his wife, relatives, and friends on both sides of the Atlantic. Donations in his honor may be made to the Instituto Mario Negri di Milano, which conducts research in medical science. For more information see https://www.marionegri.it/eng/support-research. A private service will be held for family and friends.

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Bowers, Sally Wagner

Sally Wagner Bowers, beloved wife of David Bowers, loving mother of Ashley Cladouhos and Whitman Bowers, dear grandmother of Sophia Cladouhos, Samuel Cladouhos, Remsen Bowers and Maya Bowers, passed away March 28, 2023. Born and raised in Columbus, Ohio, Sally earned Bachelor of Education and Master of Music degrees from The Ohio State University. Sally's passion for teaching allowed her to touch the lives of many. From teaching flute and instrumental music privately, to playing for several orchestras and, maybe most importantly, establishing multiple organizations that helped senior citizens start or continue their musical journey. Sally taught flute at the Music Institute of Chicago and Lake Forest College for many years. She founded the Music Institute of Chicago New Horizons Band for senior citizens and, several years later, organized the North Shore New Horizons Band. The North Shore New Horizons Band had a unique connection with the education department of the Northwestern University School of Music and the Band provided a rich musical experience for twenty-three years. She also directed DePaul University's New Horizons Band for several years and was a conductor at many New Horizons band gatherings throughout the country. She also served on the board of the New Horizons International Music Association. Sally was a founding member of the Chicago Flute Association, a member of the National Flute Association, a member of the Lake Forest Symphony and a founding member of the Lake Forest Civic Orchestra. Sally was an avid dog lover and raised many miniature schnauzers, devoting constant attention to them. Rocky and JoJo will miss her greatly. She loved her backyard and enjoyed the development of her gardens from spring through fall, as well as feeding the large koi fish in her pond. She was very proud of the relationships Ashley and Whitman had with their spouses and children. Her joy of the last nine years has been her four wonderful and remarkable grandchildren, reveling in their development and interests as they have grown over time. In lieu of flowers or gifts, the family welcomes donations to be made in Sally's name to Roy Ernst Music Institute(royernstmusic.com), or PAWS Chicago (https://my.pawschicago.org/tribute-donations/Donate). Memorial Service Tuesday, April 4 at 10 AM CDT at **Donnellan Family Funeral Home,** 10045 Skokie Blvd., Skokie IL 60077. Info: donnellanfuneral.com or (847)675-1990.

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Capps, Anne Arlyne

Anne Arlyne Capps of Sun City West AZ., born April 4, 1936 in Chicago, Ill. was 86 years old when she passed on March 9th, 2023. She is survived by her two children, Norman Capps and Lori Ann Mitchell. Her son Keith Capps passed in 2016. She is also survived by her grandchildren, James, Brodie and Margaret Mitchell and Joseph Capps.

Mom served in the Airforce from 1954-58 where she met and married Keith Terry Capps. They later divorced in 1971. After the divorce, Mom went back to school and worked as a public health nurse for many years. She was active in the AMVETS post in Long Beach, CA and became the post commander serving from 1981-82. She moved to Gilbert, AZ in 1988 and worked as a nurse in the VA hospital until her retirement in 2001. Shortly after retirement she moved to Sun City West, AZ.

Mom was very athletic and loved softball, bowling and golf. She was on a softball team in the military and an AMVETS bowling league for many years.

While living in Sun City West, she was a member of the arthritis club, wine club, catholic service club and enjoyed volunteering at the food pantry. She also served as her HOA secretary.

Mom loved margaritas and Mexican food. After her passing, we held a celebration of her life at her home in Sun City West. We all enjoyed margaritas and Mexican food in Mom's honor while sharing pictures and stories.

There will be a funeral Mass in Chicago in May. She will be laid to rest alongside her son Keith Capps in Maryhill Cemetery.

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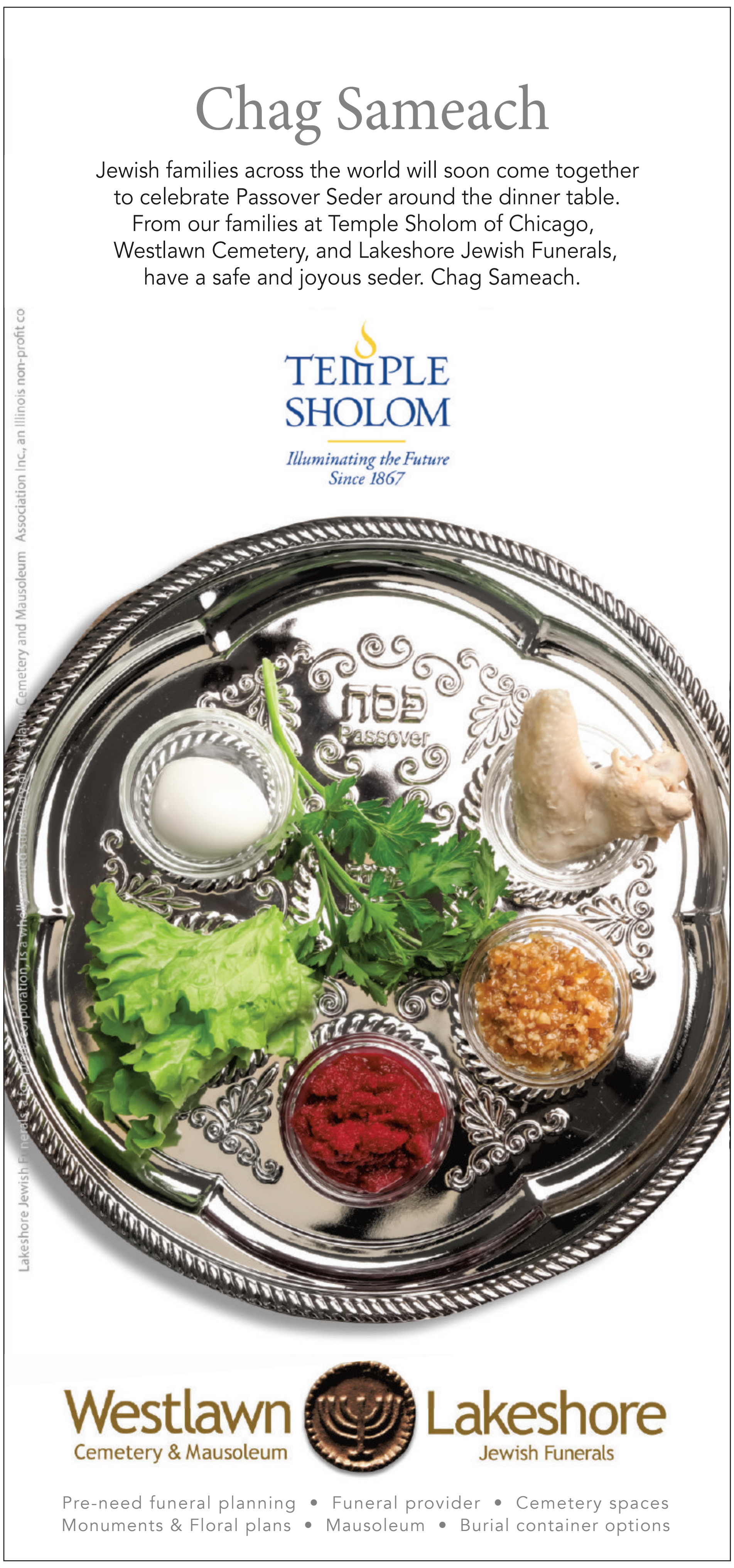

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Cha, Eung Man

Eung Man Cha of Honolulu, Hawaii, passed away peacefully with family by his side on December 24, 2022. Dr. Cha was born in North Korea in 1937 the son of Cha Chan Keun and Hyun Choon Kyu and the second of seven children.

Dr. Cha survived colonial rule and escaped to South Korea as a boy in April of 1947. From there he went on to graduate at the top of his class at Seoul National University undergraduate and medical schools. He met and married Sue Ok (Chu) Cha and they took the leap to immigrate to the US for his residency at Cook County Hospital in Chicago. Dr. Cha worked over 37 years as a radiologist and professor at Mount Sinai Hospital, Rush Presbyterian St. Luke's Hospital, Assistant Professor at West Virginia University, McNeil Memorial Hospital, Daviess Community Hospital, and raised 4 children in Wilmette and Inverness, Illinois. He was passionate about his family and community and spent many hours to give voice to the needs of the growing Korean-American community in Chicago, including development of the Korean-American Community Services center (now known as the HANA Center) and two Korean retirement homes.

His loving wife passed away after battling illness in 1991. He then married O'Kee (Yu) Cha in 1992 and gained a step son to begin the second chapter of his amazing life. He and Okee moved to Oahu, Hawaii after his retirement. The two of them loved island life-daily walks in Waikiki, and watching Cubs and Dodgers baseball, Korean soap operas and game shows. He was a deeply faithful and sweet man who has left an incredible legacy.

Dr. Cha will be deeply missed by his family. He always put them first and gave hugs and kisses freely. They will miss his warm smile, soft hugs and kindness. He was predeceased by his mother and father, siblings Cha Myung Sil, Cha Bok Sil, Cha Eung Jun, first wife Sue Ok Cha, infant son and his granddaughter Mirabel Telfair-Cha. He is survived by his loving wife O'Kee Cha and four children Sandy Cha (Mark) Sifferlen, Charles Cha, Stephen (Megan Telfair) Cha, and Brian Youngblood; his grandchildren Julia, Charles, Kate, Claire, Michael, and Thomas Sifferlen; Alexia and Jacob Cha; Gabriel Telfair-Cha; Jane and Evelyn Youngblood; siblings Cha Jung Sil, Cha Eung Nam and Cha Eung Yup.

A Memorial Service will be held at **Ridgewood Memorial Park**, Swan Lake Chapel, 9900 N Milwaukee Ave, Des Plaines, Illinois, on Saturday, April 22, 2023, at 10:30am CST.

Memorial contributions may be made to the HANA Center in Chicago (hanacenter.org) OR Seoul National Univ. Medical Alumni Assn (snucmaaus.org).

For more information: https://www.mykeeper.com/profile/EungManCha/

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Chesler, Suzanne Newton 'Susie'

Suzanne Newton Chesler, 78, of Deerfield, IL, passed away on March 10, 2023, after a long battle with multiple sclerosis. Susie touched many throughout her life for her courage and will to live despite enduring the challenges of a progressive disease. Before MS set in, Susie enjoyed a rich life: graduated from the University of Michigan, taught 3rd grade at Francis W. Parker, sold real estate in Deerfield, swam laps, waterskied at the family cottage in Twin Lake, MI, and exercised her artistic flair with weaving and scrapbooking. The daughter of the late Alfred Newton and Edna Mole Newton and sister to the late Robert Newton, she is survived by her two boys Mark and Matt Chesler (Samara Heiman), significant other of many years Peter Hammel, and cherished grandchildren Samuel, Genevieve, Sydney and Dylan. A graveside service will be held at Memorial Park Cemetery in Skokie, IL, on Sunday April 2, 2023, at 1:00 pm. Shiva to follow at the Clubhouse at Coromandel in Deerfield, IL. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

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Colby, Ellie Paul

Ellie Paul Colby (nee Maratto); loving wife of the late Ed Colby and the late Arnold Paul; dear stepmother of Bruce (Marilyn) Colby and Brad Colby (Joe Terranova); fond grandmother of 2; preceded in death by her parents Salvatore and Julia (nee Kozar) and her siblings Michael (Gloria) Maratto, Connie (Richard) Giancarlo, Salvatore Maratto, Jr., Joseph Maratto; fond sister-in-law of Kathy Maratto; cherished aunt of many nieces and nephews; wonderful friend of Marge Flynn, Loree Bubert, Linda Sanborn, and Mary Ann Cosentino. A Memorial Mass will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 15, 2023 at Our Lady of Peace Church, 701 Plainfield Road, Darien, IL. In lieu of flowers, donations to Alzheimer's Association or Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation are appreciated. Funeral arrangements entrusted to **Modell Funeral Home** – 630-852-3595 or www.modelldarien.com.

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Cunningham, Jr. , Thomas J. 'Tom'

Thomas "Tom" J. Cunningham, Jr; age 82, at rest March 30, 2023. Loving husband of Ellen Myers for 24 years.

Step-father of Michael (Leanne Martin), Pamela, Mark (Cece Dicristofalo), Debra, and George. Step-grandfather of Spencer, Andrew, Gabriella, Dessa and Tevez. Tom was a Printer Specialist for Sun Chemical Corp. and retired in 2006 after 30 years of dedicated service.

Visitation Wednesday April 5th from 3:00 pm until the time of Funeral Service 7:30 pm at Adolf Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Ltd. 7000 S. Madison St; Willowbrook. Private family entombment on Thursday at Clarendon Hills Cemetery.

Information: 630-325-2300 or adolfservices.com

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Czarobski, John

John Czarobski was tragically struck and killed by a car on January 24th 2023 in Portland Oregon. Originally hailing from Chicago's south side, John was the 5th child of Edward And Louise.

John studied journalism at Marquette University and then later received an MBA from Northwestern's Kellogg school of business. He settled into a successful career in the Chicago ad industry. Notably, the latter portion of his work life was dedicated to assisting civic integration of renewable energy capabilities while minimizing consumption. John proudly played a key role in the development of "Project Footprint", a branding campaign associated with Hawaii's laudable efforts to go fully renewable by 2045.

John was a drummer in several rock and roll bands, an experienced sailor having navigated rocks and reefs and many a foul weather system to earn frivolity on foreign shores. He was perhaps the world's most avid Bruce Springsteen fan having found a lifetime of wisdoms buried in the Boss' life of accumulated works.

John leaves behind his daughter Grace, his brother Art and spouse Kerry, his sister Teresa and spouse Denny, sisters-in-law Annette and Maria, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews. He was predeceased by his father Edward, his mother Louise and his brothers Edward and Gerald.

John also leaves innumerable friends and associates that have been forever touched personally and professionally by his easy humor, his patient, soulful and nurturing optimism, or his organized and steady hand as boardroom leader or mentor.

In later life John consciously eschewed the trappings of material accumulation and chose instead to invest his resources in expansive life experience via travel and adventure. His home was found with folders full of thoughts, poems and song lyrics scribbled in parallel with marketing concepts and outreach ideas. One such scribble: "The joy of life comes from our encounters with new experiences and hence there is no greater joy then an endlessly changing horizon, for each day to greet a new and different sun".

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Dagel, Beverly A.

Beverly A. Dagel, née Swift, 86, passed away peacefully on March 30, 2023, in the company of her loving family. She was the beloved wife of the late Harlan E. Dagel and the loving mother of their three children: Michael, Brian, and Cheryl Dagel. She is survived by her children: Michael (Nita), Brian (Loida), and Cheryl; her dear grandchildren: Nicholas, Samantha, Kody, Kendall, and Summer; her fond sister: Carol; aunt to many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents: Margaret and George; her brother: Kenneth; and her beloved husband: Harlan E. Dagel. A visitation will be held on Wednesday, April 5, 2023, 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at **Donnellan Family Funeral Home,** 10045 Skokie Boulevard, Skokie, IL 60077. Funeral service Thursday, April 6, 2023, 10:00 a.m. at Saint John XXIII Parish, Saint Nicholas Catholic Church, 806 Ridge Avenue, Evanston, IL 60202. Burial will follow at All Saints Catholic Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association (https://act.alz.org/site/Donation2?df_id=39209&mfc_pref=T&39209.donation=form1) in Beverly's memory. Info: donnellanfuneral.com or (847)675-1990.

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Delman, Sylvia G.

Sylvia G. Delman, age 85, of Deerfield, passed away on March 27 from complications of Parkinson's Disease. A proud Northwestern University Grad, respected retired teacher, longtime community servant and accomplished musician. She was the loving mother of Aimee Demain, Andrew (Elissa) Delman, and Peter (Mara) Delman; adored grandmother of Steven, Ashley (Tony), Nick, Tony, Spencer, Mason, Nathan, and Brandon; proud great grandmother of Lexi, Skyler and Charlotte; devoted daughter of the late Saul and the late Jean Samuels; cherished sister of the late Burton Samuels; dear aunt of Stephanie Samuels and David (Nina) Samuels; treasured great aunt, cousin, and friend to many. Sylvia offered help and assistance to anyone that needed it. She served as confidant, music teacher, essay writer, counselor, and popcorn aficionado. She was grandiose in her style, love and openness. Her force and presence will be greatly missed. Graveside service April 13th, 11:30 a.m. at Shalom Memorial Park, Rand & Wilke Rds., Arlington Heights. The service will be livestreamed on Sylvia's webpage at www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Michael J. Fox Foundation, www.michaeljfox.org or Institute for Therapy Through the Arts www.itachicago.org Information: The **Goldman Funeral Group** (847) 478-1600.

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Donnellan, Venita Heniades

Venita Donnellan nee Heniades, age 69, of Chicago, IL. Beloved wife of Edward J. Donnellan, III. Devoted daughter of the late James and Ruby Heniades nee Stavropoulos. Loving sister of Joanne Heniades and William (Connie) Heniades, DDS. Adoring granddaughter of the late Rev. Fr. Vasilios Heniades. Kind cousin of Lynn (Martin) Cunningham and Dorothea (Christopher) Patsavas. Dear niece of the late Koula Karampelas. Dear sister-in-law of Kathleen (Jim) Lubawski, Paula (Jim) Cantwell, Andrea (Brent) White, Joseph Donnellan, Grace (Mike) Martinsen, Sloan (Greg) Salah, Maggie (Doug) Reynolds, and Deborah Donnellan. Cherished aunt of James Heniades and William Heniades; Kate (Tom) Johnson, Jim, M.D. (Jamie, M.D.) Lubawski, Kevin (Mary Kate) Lubawski, and Edward (Michelle) Lubawski; Corinne (John) Heggie, Jay (Kristyn) Cantwell, Kilby (Bill) Macfadden, Charles (Megan) Cantwell, and Honore (Bill) Taylor; Beau (Kiley) White; Daly Donnellan and Kathryn Donnellan; Michael (Amanda) Martinsen, Luke (Elyse) Martinsen, and Grace (Tom) Deschamps; Max (Hannah) Salah and Madeleine (Garrett) Lawlor; William (fiancée Taylor) Reynolds, Edward Reynolds, Mary Grace Reynolds, and Douglas Reynolds. Visitation Wednesday, April 5, 2023, 10:00 a.m. until time of Funeral Service, 11:00 a.m. at St. Andrew Greek Orthodox Church, 5649 North Sheridan Road, Chicago, IL 60660. Interment Elmwood Cemetery Memorials, 1413 169th Street, Hammond, IN 46324. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to: Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 13631 South Brainard Avenue, Chicago, IL 60633. Info: www.**donnellanfuneral.com** or (847) 675-1990.

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Fender, Mary Ellen

Mary Ellen Fender (nee Tobin) passed away peacefully on March 28, 2023, surrounded by her family members after a 10 year battle with Alzheimer's Disease. Mary was born in Tokyo, Japan while her father was stationed there post-WWII. She grew up on the south side of Chicago, and snuck away every summer to Paw Paw Lake, Michigan to be with her first love: Sailing. At age 27, Mary competed in the 1979 Olympic Trials, and was the only female sailor in the competition. She graduated with the first class of women at St. Mary's University of Minnesota and ventured on to her second love: Teaching. Mary poured her heart into her students and spent her own money taking them on monthly field trips and summer trips to Michigan. During her teaching years she met and married Bob Fender. Soon after she began her favorite role and truest love: Motherhood. Bob and Mary made a home in Naperville, IL and she cherished her 12 years caring full-time for their three children before returning to teaching. Mary was a caring and generous friend, a golden retriever lover, a dedicated gardener, an adventure seeker, a hockey superfan, a sunset enthusiast, the captain of the boat, and someone who always stood up for what is right. She has left her mark and will be dearly missed by her loved ones. She is survived by her husband Robert Fender, children Matthew (Colleen) Fender, Emily (Matthew) Elberts, and Allison (Joseph) Poehlmann; Grandchildren Ronan and Cormac Fender, Sophie and Archie Elberts, and Hugh Poehlmann; her loving sister Alice (Tony) Tracy, and brothers Gregory, Daniel, and Robert Tobin. She is preceded in death by her loving mother Alice Tobin (nee White), father Edward Tobin, and brothers Edward and Patrick (Patricia) Tobin. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, April 4, at 10:00 AM at St. Elizabeth Seton Parish. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Alzheimer's Association in memory of Mary Fender.

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Gerwig, Patricia

Patricia Gerwig, nee Clancy, 69 years old, was taken into God's care on March 31, 2023. Daughter of the late Gail and James Clancy. A proud born and raised Chicagoan who always spoke of her fondest memories at Visitation and on the Boulevard. She will be forever loved and missed by her husband of nearly 50 years, John, her children Johnny (Camesha) and Jill Parolin (Dave). Her joyful spirit and kindness will live on through her grandchildren Emme and Izzy. The care and love she had for her favorite people, her siblings, Ann Gargano (George), the late Jimmy, Terry (Laura), Bernie Durkin (Tommy), John (Carla) and Daniel (Kim), will always be cherished. As well as with her brother in laws Bobby (Mary), Don (Joan) and sister in law Diane Wagner (Bill). Pat was the involved, loving aunt to many nieces and nephews who will hold the memories of their time with her close to heart. She was a dear friend and coworker to many, especially her lifelong friends, Pat Busking, Mary Ann Doyle and the late Sam Moran. A celebratory mass for Pat, will be held at St. Richard's Church, 5032 S. Kostner Ave., Chicago, IL, at 11am on Monday, April 3, 2023. For info (773)767-4730

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Govic, Sandra J.

Sandra J. Govic, nee Ausick, beloved wife of Krste. Loving mother of Christina (Mick), and Anita. Cherished grandmother of Christopher (Maura), John, Molly. Great grandmother of Patrick, and Brooke Lynn. Dearest sister of John and Gloria (Dale). Proceeded in death by her parents Anthony and Mary Ann. Funeral Services and Interment will be held privately. Arrangements entrusted to **Modell Funeral Home**, 7710 South Cass Avenue, Darien. 630-852-3595 or www.modelldarien.com

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Grossman, Wayne S.

Wayne S. Grossman, age 67, of Wilmette, suddenly. Beloved husband of Beth, née Sullivan; loving father of Danny, Kathryn, and Claire Grossman; devoted son of Beverly and the late Robert Grossman; fond brother of Penni (John) Pascal and the late Barry Grossman. Memorial Gathering, Saturday, April 8, 2023, from 1 to 4 p.m. with Remembrances at 3 p.m., at **HABEN Funeral Home & Crematory**, 8057 Niles Center Rd., Skokie. Funeral info: 847.673.6111 or habenfuneral.com to sign guestbook and to leave a condolence message.

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Gust, Victor A.

Victor A. Gust, age 93, passed away peacefully on March 28, 2023. He was a long time resident of Park Ridge and Naples, Florida. Beloved husband of the late Diana, née Alfini. Loving father of Tom (the late Gray), Dave (Becky), Jerry (Kelly), Larry (Mary), Julie (Dave) Wolf, John (CarolAnn Grossmann) Gust. Devoted grandfather of Matthew (Nicole) Gust and Andrew (Ashley) Gust, Kylie Gust, Patrick and Nick Gust, Caroline (David) Bedell, Sara (Micah) Gerger and Larry Gust, Amie (Kevin) Kerrigan and Stacie (Mike) Krevet, Christopher Gust. Dear great-grandfather of Jaxon and Emmitt Gerger and Eleanor Kerrigan. Cherished uncle of many nieces, nephews and extended family, including Jet Gust. Victor was a highly respected business executive in the consumer electronics industry. He was an avid golfer and family man who loved to travel the world with his wife, Diana. Visitation Tuesday April 4, 8:30-10:45 a.m. at **Ryan-Parke Funeral Home**, 120 S. Northwest Hwy., Park Ridge. Funeral Mass following at 11 a.m. at St. Paul of the Cross Church. Entombment at All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to www.woundedwarriorproject.org. For funeral information, visit www.ryan-parke.com.

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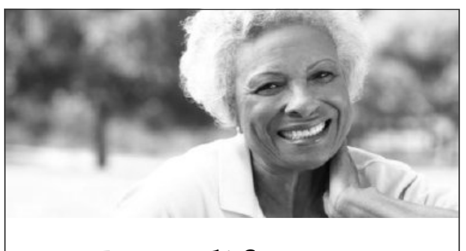

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Hinde, Rose Ann

September 16, 1936 – March 28, 2023 Beloved wife of the late Leonard Hinde. Loving mother of Bill (the late Cheryl) and the late Ron. Cherished grandmother of Amanda (Frankie), Matt (Alexa), Ryan, Sabrina, and Sara and Great Grandmother of Millie, Leo, and soon-to-be Baby Hinde. Dear sister of the late Al (the late Patricia) Ruhl, Dorothy (the late Larry) Kreuzer, the late Phil (Lou) Ruhl, Tommy (Barb) Ruhl, Billy (Barb) Ruhl, Katie (John) Cade, and David (Arlene) Ruhl. Treasured aunt of many. Rose Ann retired after many years of service from Lancaster Press. She enjoyed spending the spring, summer, and fall in Montello, Wisconsin, for many years. Rose Ann was passionate about reading, loved flowers, and worked in her garden. She especially loved all her family. Visitation will be from 3-9 pm on Friday, April 7, 2023, at Sax-Tiedemann Funeral Home, 9568 Belmont Ave., Franklin Park. . Family and friends will gather at the funeral home on Saturday, April 8, 2023, from 10:00 am until the time of the service at 11:00 am. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the Northlake Public Library District, 231 N. Wolf Road, Northlake, Il 60164, www.northlakelibrary.org. For information, please call the funeral home at (847) 678-1950 or www.sax-tiedemann.com.

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Jacobs, Nancy K.

Nancy K. Jacobs nee Koretz. Loving wife of the late Donald D. Jacobs. Loving mother of James (Carol) Jacobs, Richard (Jan) Jacobs and Barbara (Arnold) Gaffen. Devoted Nana of Rachel (Robert) Eisenberg, Jordan Gaffen, Zachary, Andrew (Jennifer), Ali, and Julia (Ben). Cherished great grammy of Makenzie and Reese. Many thanks to Nancy's nurses at The Vi. Service Monday 1PM at Congregation Sukkat Shalom, 1001 Central Avenue, Wilmette. Interment Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave. Floor 17 Chicago, IL 60601 www.alz.org. To attend the funeral live stream, please visit our website. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfinfo.com

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Jaglowski, Allen J.

Allen J. Jaglowski, age 71, retired CPD Detective. Adored father of Candace (Terence) Lewnard and Kevin (Cassandra) Jaglowski. Loving Papa of Michael, Sofia, Camron, Lillian, and the late Matthew. Longtime partner of Gloria Gigele. Loving brother of JanAnn Olesky. Visitation Tuesday, April 4th, 3PM to 8PM, **Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home**, 6150 N Cicero Ave, Chicago. Funeral Mass Wednesday, April 5th, 12:30PM, St. Constance Catholic Church, 5843 W Strong St, Chicago. Interment All Saints Cemetery. Funeral information 773-736-3833 or visit www.smithcorcoran.com

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Jakaitis, Marilyn Martha

Marilyn M. Jakaitis (nee Roubik), age 91, formerly of Chicago's south side Mt. Greenwood neighborhood passed away peacefully on Tuesday, March 28, 2023. Beloved wife of 57 years to the love of her life the late Leo J. Jakaitis, retired CPD. Loving mother of Karen (Ronald) Harms and to the late Michael "Jake" retired CFD (Cathie) Jakaitis. Grandmother to Michael, Katherine, Jessica, Jacob and Joseph. Great-grandmother to Jaxon and Landon. Daughter to the late Matthew and Mae (nee Pavlik) Roubik. Sister to the late Matthew "Mick" retired CPD (late Marilyn) Roubik, late Patricia (late Steve) Crenshaw, late Barbara (late Wilbert) Hechler, late Deanna (late George) Vanko, Carol "Charlotte" Roubik, Emil "Bud" retired CPD (Gale) Roubik and Julie Ann (late Chester "Duke") Kowalski. Aunt of many nieces and nephews. Marilyn's life journey started on the south side of Chicago on Western Ave. in the "Back of the Yards" neighborhood. It was here she met her two best friends, Lorraine and Lucy. Then it was "love at first sight" when she met Leo, and they married at Ft. Campbell, KY on August 18, 1950. She had her two children in West Lawn and then moved on to Mt. Greenwood. When Leo retired, they moved to Ft. Myers, FL for 19 years. Due to Leo's health issues, they moved to Colorado to be near their daughter. After Leo passed, she traveled back to Illinois and Florida to visit relatives and friends. Marilyn loved to read, do crosswords, was an exceptional beautician, and following in her mother's footsteps a fantastic cook.

We would like to thank the staff of The Gardens of St. Elizabeth in Denver, Park Regency Memory Care in Thornton and Denver Hospice for their care, compassion and respect given to our loved one.

A private inurnment at Resurrection Cemetery in Justice, IL will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association at alz.org.

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Kelley, Robert Edward

Robert Edward Kelley, a Korean Conflict Veteran, born March 28, 1929, of Arlington Heights, passed away March 22, 2023. Beloved husband of the late Mary Theresa Kelley for 70 years. Loving father of Suzanne (David) McNabb, Aileen (Mike) Riermaier, Elizabeth (Mike) McKenna, Therese (Steve) Sarussi, and Matthew (Danielle) Kelley.

Cherished grandfather of James (Xinxing) McNabb, Fiona (Hannes) Greve, Kristin (Mike) Irmen, Paul (Arly) Riermaier, Kevin (Jenny Cook) McKenna, Alex McKenna, Kelley Sarussi, Stephanie (Joey Bower) Sarussi, Tony Sarussi, Grace Kelley, and the late Laura Riermaier. Proud great-grandfather of Thomas, Muriel, and Rosemary.

Loving son of the late Francis and Suzanne, nee Repetto, Kelley, and stepson of the late Helene, nee Kokalowski, Kelley. Dear brother-in-law of Karen (John) McDonnell, the late James (Helbe) Morley, and the late Rita (the late Nick Dinielli) Morley. Fond uncle to many nieces and nephews. Dear cousin of the late Kathryn "Lover" (the late Raymond) Ranftl. Robert is survived by loving in law family in County Mayo, Ireland.

Bob was a long-time resident of the south side of Chicago, graduated from Leo High School, was employed by Inland Steel Company for 31 years, and was an avid soccer referee for the Arlington Heights Park District.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, April 4th, 5 PM to 8 PM, Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home, 185 E Northwest Highway, Palatine. Visitation Wednesday, April 5th, 9:30 AM, Our Lady of the Wayside Catholic Church, 434 W. Park St., Arlington Heights, IL 60005, until the time of the Funeral Mass at 10:30 AM. Interment St. Michael the Archangel Cemetery. View the livestream mass at: https://youtube.com/live/xBA-n4R4QOI?feature=share

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Kohlmeier, John Mathias

John M. Kohlmeier died of congestive heart failure on March 24th, 2023 at the age of 88. John Mathias Kohlmeier was born February 6, 1935 in New York City to John Mathias "Mat' and Naomi (nee Fleagle) Kohlmeier. Mat managed the family hardware business and Naomi was the homemaker. John graduated from Bayside HS in 1952 where he was co-captain of the basketball team and student body president. John was an Eagle Scout and member of the Order of the Arrow.

John went to Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania where he played basketball and lacrosse and was in ROTC. He graduated with Honors in Economics. He served two years as a Lieutenant in the US Army Antiaircraft Artillery and was a Ranger. He graduated from Harvard Business School with an MBA and OBA. In his doctoral research he pioneered the development and use of very large-scale computer-based financial models for businesses which could be used to project future financial results and analyze "what if" questions. He moved to Chicago and joined the faculty of the Graduate School of Business at the University of Chicago where he taught accounting and MIS. He qualified as a CPA in Illinois.

In 1968, he joined the Consulting Practice of Arthur Andersen & Co. where he became a partner and was active in working with utility industry clients to implement large scale financial models. In a notable project for the Electric Power Research Institute, John led a team which developed a strategic planning model which was used by many major electric power companies. He helped Andersen Consulting develop a strategic consulting practice and was a leader in college recruiting and human resources for the firm. He was influential in establishing policies and practices in human resources which has contributed to the success of Accenture. He led a team which applied for the Baldridge Quality Award for Andersen. He retired in 1991 and joined the faculty of the Kellogg Graduate School of Management at Northwestern University and then taught the Management of IT at DePaul University. John was also a Trustee and Visiting Professor at Dickinson College.

The passion of John's life was opera. He was taken to a performance of Hansel & Gretel at age eight and during his lifetime he attended three thousand performances of six hundred different operas in the US and Europe; including a thousand at Lyric Opera of Chicago and six hundred at the Metropolitan Opera in New York where he was a patron. He especially loved the operas of Richard Wagner and Richard Strauss. He was active in the Lecture Corps and the Guild Board of Lyric Opera.

John married Georgia King in 1960. Together they had three daughters: Lucy Kohlmeier, Julie Martinez, and Catharine Bancroft; and five grandchildren: Laura Martinez, Andy Martinez, Robert Martinez, Amelia VanDyke, and Sophie VanDyke. The marriage ended in divorce. John married Mary Wright in 1991 and they lived in Lake Bluff, Illinois.

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Kunzie, Judith Ann

Judith Ann Kunzie (Gustafson), of Woodstock, passed away on March 27 at the age of 82. Born November 19, 1940, in Chicago. Judie was the daughter of Edwin and Iola (Lindberg). She grew up in Northbrook, with her parents and her brother Don. On the first date with her husband John, he accidentally burned a hole in her stocking with his cigarette ash. She gave him a second chance. John and Judie blended their families on June 24, 1972. In 1974 and 1989 they added two more daughters, and last year, they celebrated 50 years of an amazing marriage. Judie volunteered at Woodstock Memorial Hospital as a gift store manager and buyer, as well as at the Woodstock Food Pantry. She also served Grace Lutheran Church as a church council member and as a Stephen Minister. Judie co-founded an upscale resale store on the Woodstock Square, Interiors Anew. She dedicated more than twenty years to the business before retiring so she could enjoy more time with her family. She was an avid reader and belonged to several book clubs. Judie may be best known for being the oldest woman to have a baby at Woodstock Memorial Hospital at the age of 48. Judie never met a stranger and she immediately befriended anyone she met. Her reputation as a charming and generous hostess was legendary. Her greatest love was being around people, especially her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Judie adored her family above all else. Her spirit will be carried on by her seven children, Jane, Julie (Kevin), Steve (Kim), Scott (Coleen), Tammy (Scott), Amy (Jeremy) and Laura (Adam); her 10 grandchildren, Luke (fiancee Laura), Logan (Lisa), Jennifer (Dave), Morgan (fiancé TJ), Sarah (fiancé Adam), Lillian, Ryan, Colin, Kathryn and Julianne; and four great-grandchildren, Landry, Lincoln, Adalynn and Grace. Judie was preceded in death by her husband John, her parents, and her brother Don Gustafson. Visitation will be held Monday April 10 from 4:00-7:00 pm at Grace Lutheran Church, 1300 Kishwaukee Valley Road, Woodstock, 60098. A service celebrating Judie's life will be held Tuesday April 11 at 11:00 am, with visitation beginning at 10:00am at Grace Lutheran Church, Woodstock. Judie was very passionate about helping others in need. In lieu of flowers, a donation to the Woodstock Food Pantry or to Grace Lutheran Church would be greatly appreciated. For information, please contact **Davenport Family Funeral Home**, Crystal Lake, 815-459-3411. For online condolences please visit, www.davenportfamily.com.

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Kushnir, Richard Daniel

Richard Daniel Kushnir, 81, Beloved husband to Sara (nee Gold), for 57 wonderful years. Cherished father to Diane (Shai) Halivni, David (Lena) Kushnir, Rebecca Kushnir Anisfeld, and Tamara (Jeffrey) Groman. Devoted Gramps to Avidan (fiancée Yaffa Fogel) Hadar and Eliana Halivni; Ann and Nathan Kushnir; Ella and Aaron Anisfeld; Nina, Jacob and Rayna Groman. Loving son to the late Ann and David Kushnir; wonderful brother to Robert Kushnir; treasured father-in-law, brother-in-law, uncle, cousin and dear friend of many. Richard was privileged to serve as board president of Solomon Schechter Day School, as a founding board member of the Chicagoland Jewish High School (now Rochelle Zell Jewish High School) and as a financial advisor to Camp Ramah. Richard worked in the financial industry for over 50 years, as a trader on the Chicago Board of Options Exchange (CBOE), as owner of several brokerage firms and as a stockbroker. He was deeply respected by his many business associates and colleagues, and all those he helped along the way. Most important to Richard was being with his family, who all loved him dearly. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Solomon Schechter Day School, Rochelle Zell, Camp Ramah, or the charity of your choice. Chapel services were held at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home** for additional information, shiva and a link to view the service online, visit **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, www.shalommemorial.org, 847-255-3520.

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Leifheit Selby, Dorothy Jean

Our beloved mother, mother-in-law, and grandmother passed away peacefully in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on March 21, 2023. Dorothy was born in Lafayette, Indiana on April 28, 1923. She was a beautiful woman inside and out. She taught us all to be kind, loving and respectful of others and she will live on forever in our hearts. Dorothy was preceded in death by her first husband, Walter Leifheit and her second husband, Robert Selby. She would always tell everyone and anyone that she had a wonderful life and two great husbands.

Dorothy is survived by her daughters Linda Greer of Dallas, Texas and Lisa Leifheit of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; stepdaughters Sue Kahan of Rocklin, California and Sally Shlosberg of Edina, Minnesota; grandsons Austin Greer and Ian Greer of Statesboro, Georgia and step granddaughter Selby Shlosberg of Denver, Colorado.

In accordance with Dorothy's wishes, no formal funeral services will be held and she will be laid to rest in Brazil, Indiana at Clearview Cemetery. If desired, memorials to the charity of your choice.

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McNichols, Marilyn H. 'Peach'

Marilyn H. "Peach" McNichols, nee Healy, age 94, of Longboat Key, Fl, and Oak Brook, IL. Beloved wife of the late Austin A. "Duke" McNichols; loving mother of Robert (Karen), Susan "Susie" (John) Cassidy, James (Jill) and the late William McNichols; cherished grandmother of Matthew McNichols and Elizabeth (Justin) Bollinger, Kaitlin "Katie" (Mike) Gogola, Sally, Austin and Lillian "Lilly" McNichols; dear great-grandmother of Robbie and Gracie Bollinger; dearest sister of the late Gwen (the late Harry) Baldwin, the late Patricia (the late Patrick) Boland, the late Wayne (the late Eileen) Healy, and step-sister of Jane Healy; and fond Aunt of many Nieces and Nephews. Marilyn was a graduate of Trinity High School and attended Marymount College, New York, and Barat College, Lake Forest, Illinois where she received her teaching degree. A devout Catholic and parishioner of St. Mary Star of Sea, Longboat Key, Florida and St. John of the Cross, Western Springs, Illinois and an avid follower of Mercy Home for Boys and Girls on television. She was the longest standing member at the time of her death, of Butterfield Country Club, Oak Brook, Illinois. Marilyn will be missed by her loving family and many friends. Visitation, Wednesday, April 5th, 10:00 AM until time of Funeral Mass 11:30 AM at Notre Dame Church, 64 Norfolk Ave. Clarendon Hills. Private Family Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Mercy Home for Boys and Girls, www.mercyhome.org or Misericordia Heart of Mercy, www.misericordia.com are appreciated. Arrangements by **Sullivan Funeral Home** Hinsdale. 630-323-0275 or www.sullivanfuneralhomehinsdale.com

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Michaels, William

William Michaels, age 90, fell asleep in the Lord March 29, 2023. Beloved husband of Mary Michaels née Souleles for 61 years. Loving father of Georgia (Demetrios) Michaels Kyriacou and Pattey (George) Michaels-Demos. Devoted son of Dimitrios and Georgia Mihalopoulos. Proud grandfather of Nicholas (Erica), Basil and Maria Kyriacou and Nicole, William and Courtney Demos. Dear brother of the late Hariklea Davila, John Mihalopoulos, Panagiotis Mihalopoulos and Christina Frangou. Fond brother-in-law and uncle of many both in the United States and Greece. Visitation Monday, April 3, 2023 from 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM at N. H. Scott & Hanekamp Funeral Home, 1240 Waukegan Road, Glenview, IL 60025. Funeral Service Tuesday, April 4, 2023 10:00 AM at Saint Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church 7373 North Caldwell Avenue, Niles, IL 60714. Interment to follow at Memorial Park Cemetery, Skokie, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to Saint Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church would be appreciated. Arrangements by **Memory Eternal Funeral Directors, Ltd.** (847) 375-0095.

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Miller, Helen Schneider

Helen Schneider Miller, age 93; beloved daughter of the late Oscar and Cathrine Schneider; dear sister of Daniel (Judith) Schneider; fond cousin, friend, and colleague of many. Helen graduated from Mundelein College in 1952 with a bachelor's degree in education and a minor in art, a master's degree in education from Loyola University in Chicago, she went onto further her education in post graduate study programs through UCLA, Merton College, Oxford University, Kings College, and Cambridge University in the United Kingdom. Helen taught and mentored children for over 40 years at the Charles J. Sahs School in Stickney, IL and later became the Superintendent of Schools in Stickney. Visitation Tuesday, April 4th, 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Funeral Wednesday, April 5th, 10:00 AM from Sullivan Funeral Home, 60 South Grant Street, Hinsdale to St. Isaac Jogues Church, 306 West Fourth St. Hinsdale. Mass 10:30 AM. Interment Private. 630-323-0275 or www.sullivanfuneralhomehinsdale.com

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Morris, Robert A.

Robert "Bob" Morris, age 89, passed away peacefully from natural causes at home early on March 12, 2023, in Downers Grove, IL. He is preceded in death by his devoted wife Gretchen Morris (nee Hajek). He is survived by his two loving daughters, Pamela K. Morris of Chicago and Jennifer D. (John) Wilson of Whittier, CA. A celebration of Bob's life is planned for his 90th birthday, Saturday, April 8 at **Knollcrest Funeral Home**, 1500 S. Meyers Rd., Lombard, IL, with visitation 11:30-12:30 and memorial 12:30-1:00. A lunch will follow in downtown Downers Grove. Memorial donations to the Willowbrook Wildlife Center are appreciated. See www.knollcrest.net for details or call 630-932-1500.

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Mullen, John Morgan

We are heartbroken to announce that John Morgan Mullen, born in Fort Worth, TX, on January 1, 1945, passed away on March 8, 2023, after a 2 year battle with metastatic prostate cancer. John is survived by his children, Todd (Laura) Mullen and Stephanie (Mike) Kornak, and his grandchildren, Kevin (Rachel) Real, Hanna Real, Jake Mullen and Hailey Kornak. He is preceded in death by his grandson, Brennan Kornak, and his wife, Jill Mullen.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to NAMI DuPage. Please join us for a Celebration of Life on April 15, 2023, to begin at 4:30pm at Riverside Receptions, 35 North River Lane, Geneva, IL. Cocktail reception to follow the service.

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Najarian, Darlene A.

Darlene A. Najarian, nee Kasch. Age 80, formerly of Mundelein. Beloved wife of the late George Najarian. Loving mother of David (Tammy) and Tim Najarian. Loving grandmother of the late Richard Henry Najarian. Cherished sister of Donna (John) Ferraro and the late Richard (Sandra) Kasch. Services will be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Lord of Glory Lutheran Church, 607 W. Belvidere Rd., Rt. 120, Grayslake, IL 60030 or Edison Park Lutheran Church, 6626 N. Oliphant Ave, Chicago, 60631. For info.: www.ryan-parke.com.

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Neuman, Deborah A.

Deborah A. Neuman, 69, of Addison. Beloved wife of John Neuman. Loving mother of Richard (Elizabeth) Neuman and David (Megan) Neuman. Cherished grandmother of Elliot, Penelope, Sophie, and Lalo Neuman. Dear sister of Philip (Michele) Marko. Loving daughter of the late John Marko and the late Margret Marko. Visitation Monday, April 3 from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at **Humes Funeral Home**, 320 W. Lake St., Addison (2 Mi. W. of Rt. 83, 2 Mi. E. of Rt. 53). Funeral Service Tuesday, April 4, 9:15 a.m. from **Humes Funeral Home** to St. Philip the Apostle, 1233 W. Holtz, Addison for 10:00 a.m. Funeral Mass. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, donations to the National Kidney Foundation of Illinois, 215 W. Illinois Street, Suite 1C, Chicago, IL 60654, www.nkfi.org would be greatly appreciated.

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Paron, Joseph A

Joseph A. Paron, 71, of Schaumburg. Cherished son of Barbara and the late Carl Paron. Caring brother of Lynn, Diane, Mary and Robert. Loving uncle of Jason, Carl and Jessica. Joseph was an avid golfer and very thrilled of his first-place trophy from the Chicago Invitational Golf Tournament in 1985. He was also a proud graduate of St. Bernadette Catholic School, Marist High School and Loyola University. A memorial mass will be held on Saturday, April 22nd at 10:00 AM at St. Hubert Catholic Church, 729 Grand Canyon Street, Hoffman Estates. Funeral information or online condolences www.ahlgrimfuneral.com or 847-882-5580.

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Plank, Kathryn Jean Lesiak

Kathryn Jean Lesiak Plank, 76; of Naperville, formerly of Buffalo, NY; passed away peacefully March 27, 2023. After graduating from Maine East High School, Kathryn worked as a merchandising assistant until retirement 15 years ago. Proud grandmother of James Plank (12) and Michael Plank (10); dear eldest sister of Edward Jr., Denise (Jean Leigh), and David (Aleca) Lesiak; beloved aunt, great-aunt, and cousin. Preceded in death by husband James B. Plank, son Robert E. (Lisa) Plank, and parents Bette (nee Bahus) and Edward John Lesiak, Sr. Graveside service Monday, April 3, 2023, 10:30AM at Maryhill Cemetery, Niles, IL. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her name to Rainbow Hospice: www.rainbowhospice.org. Arrangements by **Inclusive Funeral Care**: 773-318-1305 or www.InclusiveFuneralCare.com.

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Polivka, Rita F.

Rita F. Polivka, former longtime resident of Hinsdale, passed away on March 30, 2023. Beloved wife of the late Norbert. Loving mother of Allan (Becky), David (Patricia) and the late Ronald Polivka. Dear grandmother of Amber (Karl Kooistra), Daniel (Nori), Thomas (Katie) and Stephanie Polivka. Great grandmother of Elena, Grayson and Nadia. Former mother-in-law of Rebecca Polivka. Sister of the late John (Terri) Karch. A visitation will be held on Monday, April 3, 2023, from 10am until time of Funeral Mass at 11am at Notre Dame Parish, 64 Norfolk Ave, Clarendon Hills, IL 60514. Interment to follow at Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside. In lieu of flowers memorials can be made to Bethlehem Woods, 1571 W Ogden Ave, LaGrange Park, IL 60526. Arrangements by **Brian Powell Funeral Directors of Hinsdale**. For information 630-703-9131 or www.powellfuneraldirectors.com.

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Robbins, Donna Lauretig

Donna Lauretig Robbins, age 74, passed away peacefully March 29, 2023, at her Evanston home after a three-year encounter with cancer. Daughter of the late James and Charlotte, née Dybala, Lauretig, she was born July 13, 1948, in Chicago. A graduate of Lourdes High School, Class of 1966, and Marymount College, Fordham University, Tarrytown, NY, Donna began her business career as a secretary for the Chicago Sun-Times advertising department and retired as a benefits accounts manager for a major financial firm in Massachusetts. She and her husband, Jim, lived and worked in New England for 40 years. In retirement, they chose to return to Chicago in 2011. In addition to her husband of 48 years, Donna is also survived by her brother, Jim Lauretig, and wife, Toni; her sister-in-law, Chris Convery, and husband, Paul; nephew, Jim Convery, and family; niece, Bridget Convery; and, on her mother's side, Uncle Rich Dybala and the many Dybala cousins. Interment will be in Resurrection Catholic Cemetery, Justice, IL. A private Memorial Service will take place at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the Greater Chicago Food Depository, 4100 W. Ann Lurie Pl., Chicago, IL, 60632 (chicagosfoodbank.org) or to a charity of your choosing. Funeral information: 847.673.6111 or habenfuneral.com to sign guestbook and to leave a condolence message.

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Rosenfeld, Ruth W.

Ruth W. Rosenfeld, beloved wife of the late Gene Rosenfeld, devoted mother of Paula Rosenfeld, Nancy (Howard) Clayman, and Julie (Daniel) Dillon; proud grandmother of Madeline Huzenis, Sivan (Zemach) Ben Moshe, Yael Sokol, and Rose and Thomas Dillon; delighted great grandmother of Eliyah and Uriah Sokol, and Romi and Atai Ben Moshe. Born and raised in Chicago, Ruth lived in California, Tel Aviv, Highland Park, and Northbrook. Ruth was an artist, a bookkeeper, an inveterate volunteer at Congregation Solel and other places, was devoted to social causes and her family. She was well read and enjoyed the arts, travel, had a green thumb, and was an excellent cook. She loved to entertain, hosting holidays at her home even into her 90s. She and Gene had a long, happy marriage for 71 years and a close knit group of friends. Funeral service 10 am Thursday, March 30 at Makom Solel Lakeside, 1301 Clavey Road, Highland Park (livestream available). In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to Magen David Adom or Makom Solel Lakeside.

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Ross, Rose Marie

Rose Marie Ross (nee Palace), 72 of Chicago, passed away at home on March 17, 2023, after a long battle with cancer. Beloved wife of Luke P., proud and loving mother of Luke M. (Megan), adored grandmother of Ben, Theo, and Rowan, cherished sister of Patricia (Al) Carey, Kathleen (James) Barnard, and James (Karen) Palace, fond sister-in-law, aunt, cousin, and friend of many. Preceded in death by parents Mary Kate and James Palace. A devoted Cubs fan, graduate of DePaul University, the expert "Wine Lady", retired after a 51 year career at Jewel Foods. Rose will always be remembered for her warm laugh, generous spirit, incredible cookies, and sharp poker prowess. Her memory will continue to bring her loved ones joy. Private cremation. Funeral Mass on Wednesday April 5, 11:00 a.m. at Queen of Apostles Catholic Church, 2330 W. Sunnyside, Chicago. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

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Ruben, Joel L.

Joel L. Ruben, age 79, was born on September 13, 1943. He went to Heaven on March 20, 2023, and was buried in the family plot at Waldheim Jewish Cemetery in Chicago, Illinois. He attended Stephen K. Hayt Elementary School and Nicholas Senn High School in Chicago, and earned his Bachelor's Degree in Accounting at Bradley University. Joel was a Certified Public Accountant, helping many Individuals, Families, and Small Businesses throughout the year & preparing their Taxes for the IRS in the Winter, Spring, and Fall. He also served as a Mentor to many Bookkeepers, Accountants, and Business Managers, giving them advice on various issues. He was a member of the Arizona Society of Certified Public Accountants for the past 35 years, and the Illinois Society of Certified Public Accountants for the previous 25 years.

Among Joel's favorite things were: Driving his Car, Singing Old Songs, Laughing at Corny Jokes, Traveling to New Places, Enjoying Nature (especially Flowers), Ice Cream, Good Friends, and Children. He was married to his wife, Marilyn (Wolfe), for almost 58 years, and they have two daughters: Rachael Barkley (Yuma, AZ) and Amy Reichgott (Martin) (Tucson, AZ), plus a Granddaughter: Samantha Helen Byrd (Yuma). Other Survivors are his Sisters: Naomi Nikki Krinkin (Boaz) (Jerusalem, Israel) and Roberta Lynne Ruben (Springfield, Illinois).

Donations in Joel's Memory can be made to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, and the American Cancer Society. He conquered Cancer twice, but passed away from other complications. "May the Memory of the Righteous be for a Blessing!"

There will be a Memorial April 23, 2023 in Phoenix, AZ for more info contact rachaelbarkley1@gmail.com

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Rueth, James

James D. "Jimmy" Rueth, age 58, of Geneva, passed away unexpectedly March 21, 2023.

Jimmy is survived by three sons Marko, John, and David. His sons were his life's passion. He lived and breathed their sports endeavors. He was a dedicated coach to many of Geneva's baseball youth.

He is also survived by siblings Kathleen (Vince) Klees, Mary (Richard) Sullivan, Richard (Barbara), and Robert (Karen); nieces/nephews; and many friends.

Jimmy was preceded in death by his parents Robert and Marie (Rushforth) and siblings John, Patricia, and Roberta.

Jimmy graduated from Wheaton Warrenville High School and the University of Notre Dame. He made a successful career in financial services ultimately co-founding his own advisory firm, Sound Investments.

Visitation: April 3 from 4-8pm at **Malone Funeral Home**, 324 E. State Street (Route 38), Geneva, IL.

Funeral service: April 4 at 11am at **Malone Funeral Home**.

Interment: St. Michael Cemetery in Wheaton.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Geneva Baseball Association, PO Box 468, Geneva, Illinois 60134.

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Sandlow, Joanne

Joanne Sandlow, née Fleischer, 88. Beloved wife for 64 years of the late Dr. Leslie J. Sandlow; devoted mother of Jay (Bridget) Sandlow, Bruce (Deborah) Sandlow, and Lisa (Douglas) Imber; proud grandmother of Samantha (Sean) Mackman, Jacquelyn, Rachel, Sarah, Natalie, and Haley Sandlow, Arielle and Jacob Imber; cherished great-grandmother of Sloane Mackman; loving aunt of Marjorie (Barry Rosen) Sandlow and Tom Sandlow; caring great-aunt of many. Joanne was fiercely devoted to her family, an avid Cubs fan and bowler, and actively involved in many charities She will be deeply missed. Funeral service Wednesday, April 5, 9 AM at **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**, 111 Skokie Blvd, Wilmette. Interment Westlawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Dr. Les and Joanne Sandlow Scholarship for Health Care Education at the Milwaukee Academy of Science, 2000 W Kilbourn Ave, Milwaukee WI, 53233 (www.milwaukeeacademyofscience.org/support/donate), or American Friends of Magen David Adom (www.afmda.org/donate/). For info: 847-256-5700.

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Schwartz Gannon, Elise Hulda

Elise Hulda Schwartz Gannon of Victoria, Texas, was born on June 23, 1922 and passed away on March 23, 2023. She was born to Maude Elisabeth Matilda Schwartz Herrick and Schuyler Colfax Schwartz in Chicago, Illinois. Elise was married for fifty-two years to Frank Louis Gannon.

She is survived by her children, Ronn Frank Gannon of Morton Grove, Illinois and Carole Elise Gannon Oliphant and Jerome Joseph Oliphant of Victoria, Texas. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Frank Louis Gannon; and son, Bryan Louis Gannon.

Special thanks go to Hospice of South Texas and The Hospice Dornburg Center of Compassion for Elise's unsurpassed and loving care. A memorial service to be announced at a later date.

Donations may be made to The Vine School; Grace Presbyterian Church; Hospice of South Texas; A7ectionate Arms-all Victoria, Texas, or an organization of your choice.

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Serio, Ann Elizabeth

Ann Elizabeth Serio (nee Woodward), 91, of Inverness, passed away peacefully Sunday, March 26, 2023, surrounded by family. She was born October 19, 1931, in Oak Park, IL to the late Ruth (nee Jones) and Charles Woodward. Ann was the wife of the late Leo Serio; mother of James (Maribeth) Serio, Joan Murphy, Paul (Mary) Serio, Ann (Robert) Czechowicz, Barbara (Steve) McCarty, and the late Mary (Brian) Vogrinc; grandmother of 20; great-grandmother of 35; and will be missed by many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. A very special thank you to JourneyCare and all of mom's many caregivers. Visitation Wednesday, April 5, 2023, from 9:30 am until 10:30 am at the Meadows Funeral Home, 3615 Kirchoff Rd., Rolling Meadows, IL 60008. We will then process to St. Colette Church for mass at 11:00 am. Interment to follow at St Michael the Archangel Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Poor Clare Colettines of Corpus Christi Monastery, 2111 S. Main St. Rockford, IL 61102 or Little Sisters of the Poor St. Joseph's Home, 80 West Northwest Highway, Palatine, IL 60067. Information (8470253-0224 or Meadowsfh.com.

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Scott, Anne Lesak

Anne Ellen Lesak Scott, age 78, beloved wife of the late Richard A. Scott, Jr., M.D., dear stepmother of Teresa Scott DeCiancio, Richard and Steven Scott. Daughter of the late Walter V. Lesak and Anne P. Lesak and sister of John S. Lesak. Anne was a professor of biology and nursing at Moraine Valley Community College in Palos Hills, IL for many years. Her career also encompassed medical research and professional nursing in long-term care and acute settings. She belonged to several bridge clubs and was a member of the Trinity Women's Guild and an officer of the Slovak American Charitable Association, her passion of more than 30 years. Other survivors include a nephew John D. Lesak and nieces Beth Lesak Charters and Kris Lesak. She was a fond Aunt Anne to the Biedron, Milton, Stefo and Peretin families, who along with Teresa and Beth, helped her through her unexpected final illness. Funeral will be held at noon on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at **Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home**, 6150 N. Cicero Avenue, Chicago, with visitation beginning at 10:00 AM [two hours immediately prior to the service]. Interment to be at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Great Falls, MT on Saturday, April 15, 2023 at 11:00 AM (local time). In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts in honor of Anne L. Scott can be made to Northwestern University's Center for Genetic Medicine. Checks made out to Northwestern University should be sent to David McCreery, Feinberg School of Medicine Northwestern University, Rubloff Bldg. 9th Floor, 420 E. Superior Street, Chicago, IL 60611. For more information call Smith-Corcoran funeral home at 773-736-3833 or www.smithcorcoran.com.

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Siblik, Geraldine C. 'Geri'

Geraldine Catherine Siblik, age 81, of Lemont, Illinois, passed away suddenly in her home on Wednesday, March 29, 2023. She was born on October 2nd, 1941, at St Bernard's Hospital, Chicago, Illinois, the daughter of the late Catherine Patricia (Boughton) Rockwood and the late George Edward Rockwood.

A graduate of St. Francis Academy, Joliet in 1959, Geri was faithful and funny, she could play hard to get. Still, Geri married Ed on May 30, 1964, and together, they raised and loved three children.

Geri was an artist. She studied at Ray Vogue Academy of Art for a time at her own expense. Her ambitions suffered from lack of support, she opted for practicality instead opted for beauty school. Geri did hair for family, friends, and clients for over 60 years with present appointments which sadly she could not keep. Geri had many talents: art, fashion, music(trombone), basketball, softball(coach), tennis, bowling and golf. Geri was an excellent cook, loved baking and throwing parties and lending a hand with large family events in celebration of life achievements large and small. She attended all her grandchildren's events. Her recall of the details of all the many people Geri engaged with joy and love, the stories she told, the acts of kindness and duties she performed are a profound loss for us all. All circles of her family and friends recognized her light. Geri was truly a force choosing to share her joy, talent, and amazing soul with her family and friends. We remember her, as she died, at her post, in the kitchen, by the phone.

Survived by her loving children, John (Michel) Siblik, Lisa Atkinson, Noreen (Brian) Kordzinski; five grandchildren, Piper and Maret (Siblik), Joshua, Nathaniel, Zachary (Kordzinski); sisters Barbara(Zykan), Patricia(Dominick), Karen(Stoltman), brother Thomas and many nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by her loving husband Edward L. Siblik, of 55 years, her mother, father, brothers George and Michael, and son Keith.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, April 4th, 2023, from 3 p.m. - 8 p.m. at **Markiewicz Funeral Home, P.C.**, 108 Illinois Street, Lemont, IL 60439.

Funeral service will take place on Wednesday, April 5th, 2023, 9:30 a.m. from the funeral home to St. Patrick's Church, 200 E. Illinois St., Lemont, IL, 60439 for Mass at 10 a.m.

Interment, Clarendon Hills Cemetery, 6900 S. Cass Ave. Darien, IL 60561

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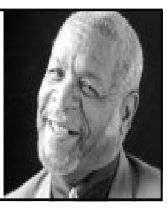

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Stuart, Marijo Ann

On March 16, 2023, Marijo Stuart, passed away at the age of 86 years. She was the daughter of the late Walter and Virginia Morrison of Riverside and LaGrange Park, IL. She graduated from Riverside Brookfield High School and attended Lawrence University in Appleton, WI. She worked as an executive secretary for CBS in Chicago, IL.

In later years, Marijo served as a "Lunch Lady" at Laidlaw Elementary School in Western Springs, where her playful disposition, "child-like spirit" and thoughtful encouragement to rule-following were on full display. She loved cats as well as cultivating and attending to the needs of her backyard plants and flowers. She so enjoyed attending Cubs' games and was a faithful fan of the Bears and Michael Jordan. Her main hobby was knitting, and she was a prolific knitter, gladly sharing the outputs of her labor with family and friends – these hand-knitted items are treasured pieces of her legacy! She had a "hatred" of garlic, and so loved to "torture" local restaurants when ordering to ensure that this spice wasn't found anywhere near her food! She was a charter member of "The Corporation" with her sister Gay; whose mission was to "extort" or "pilfer" coins from casinos and slot machines across the country.

Marijo raised three children: Cathy Stuart (Paul Rowald), Amy (Bill) Beshilas, John (Kris) Stuart. She was "Gogo" to her six grandchildren: Thomas and Danica Morse, Katie and Jorie Beshilas, and Samantha and Camden Stuart.

Marijo had one sister, Virginia Gay (Tom) McHugh along with four nieces: Kelly (Mike) Massinople, Katy (Chris) Richards, Molly (Travis) Smith, Maggie (Phillip) McClary; and one nephew, RJ and (Dr. Kim) McHugh; and nine great nieces and nephews.

Marijo was a life-long resident of Western Springs and Indian Head Park. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the local Hinsdale, IL Humane Society. A celebration of her life is planned at one of her favorite places in early May.

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Suciu, Liliana

On March 8, 2023, Liliana Suciu passed away in her home in Wilmette, surrounded by her loving family. She was born on July 23, 1947, in Bucharest, Romania, emigrated to the United States in 1980 with her husband, Paul Suciu, and worked as a research chemist in the pharmaceutical and food industries while also raising their only child, Christopher. Liliana was the heart and soul of her family, incredibly supportive and nurturing. She loved traveling with her family, visiting art galleries, baking, and taking long walks.

She leaves behind her beloved husband, Paul, and her son, Christopher.

Info: **donnellanfuneral.com or 847-675-1990.**

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Swarthout, James E.

A loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend, James E. Swarthout died on March 30, 2023 peacefully at home, at the age of 94. Born in Evanston, Illinois on February 28, 1929 to Elizabeth and Floyd Swarthout, he was a life-long Lake Forest resident, graduating from Gorton school and Lake Forest High school.

Seventy years ago, Jim placed a ring on Terry Cantagallo's finger at Christmas Eve mass. They married and had four children; Rev. James (Claudia) Swarthout, Thomas (Carolyn) Swarthout, Dave (Cathy) Swarthout, and Cindy (Brad) Luetje. Together with 11 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren, and his many nieces and nephews, they built a life filled with laughter and joy.

Jim believed in "Service over Self." At age 18, he began as a volunteer fireman for the City of Lake Forest, which he spoke of to his grandchildren fondly. He also held roles as the Chairman of the Recreation Department Board, a 3rd Ward Alderman and Trustee for the North Shore Sanitary district. He served as a Sergeant in the U.S. Army and was the Mayor of Lake Forest from 1975-1978.

From selling Fords to fighting fires his 94 active years were always centered on family, faith and Lake Forest. As a third generation Lake Forester, he was well known, often seen driving his 1948 red Ford pick-up truck on his way to coffee in town. Jim and Terry held a Lake Forest Day party at their house every year, and was the highlight of the summer.

Living for 67 years in the home he built, across from West Park, you could find him and the many generations of his family and friends playing ball, skating at the ice rink and using their home as the center of activity and celebration. Their house was and remains an open door, with family and friends frequently stopping by. Their basement was used as the St. Mary's locker room, while Jim volunteered his time as their football coach. Family gatherings at the backyard pool brought together friends from around the community, which brought him great joy. Jim, Dad, Grandpa and Papa had a smile that instantly made you feel loved. He will be remembered and missed dearly.

Visitation from 4-8 PM on Sunday, April 2, 2023 at Gorton Center, 400 E. Illinois Road, Lake Forest and on Monday, April 3, 2023 at the Church of St. Mary, 175 E. Illinois Road, Lake Forest from 10:30 AM until the 11:30 AM Mass of Christian Burial. Private interment at Lake Forest Cemetery. For information – **Reuland & Turnbough Funeral Directors of Lake Forest**, 847-234-9649 or www.RTfunerals.com.

Memorial contributions in James's name may be made to Northwestern Lake Forest Hospital Foundation at https://foundation.nm.org/where-to-help/lake-forest-hospital/ or calling (833) 443-8663.

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Sychowski, Geralyn

Geralyn, "Geri" Mary (Orlando) Sychowski, of St Charles IL, passed away on (March 25th) , 2023 after a long, brave fight against cancer. She was born on August 3rd, 1967, to Robert and Barbara (Ram) Orlando and was the 5th of 6 children. She graduated from Willowbrook High School in Villa Park IL in 1985 and went on to be certified in Cosmetology. Geri was a Customer Service Manager at Grohe America for 30 years and then employed at Medela USA before her retirement in June 2022. She traveled the world for work and pleasure, never turning down a chance for an adventure. She especially loved spending time in Las Vegas with family and friends. Geri also loved cheering on the Chicago Bears and Blackhawks, decorating her house and shopping for shoes and anything pink. She also enjoyed spending time in her pool and mixing cocktails in her "she shed". Her greatest joy came in December 2007 when she welcomed her son, Ryker into the world. She loved and treasured their annual photo sessions, trips, and have made many lasting memories. She is survived by her son Ryker, mother Barbara, sister Pamela (Bob) English, brothers Gregory (Judi), Steven, Daniel (Maggie) Orlando, nieces and nephews, Gary and Michele English, Douglas, Evan and Jasmine Orlando, step nephews Christopher and Cory Roycroft and God Daughter, Sophie Van Stippen. Cousin Tracey (Joe) Van Stippen as well as many other loving cousins and friends. Geri was preceded in death by her father Robert, brother Michael, sister-in-law Kimberly Orlando, and numerous aunts, uncles and grandparents whom she loved dearly. A private family memorial services will be held at a later date.

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Tsuji, Kenneth Y.

Kenneth Y. Tsuji, age 66, of Chicago, passed away on March 28, 2023. Beloved son of the late Chiyeko and Fred Tsuji. Adored brother of Colleen (Paul Wanderski) Tsuji. Cousin of Wes (Susan) Fujii and Elaine (Will) Jarvis. Uncle of many nieces and nephews. Funeral services held private. Information 773-736-3833 or visit www.smithcorcoran.com

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Virgilio, Barbara Jo 'Barb'

We tragically lost Barb on Feb 20, 2023 in Portland, OR from injuries sustained when a vehicle struck her. Born Dec 4, 1953 in Chicago, she was 69. A memorial service will be held in Gresham, OR, Wednesday, April 5, 2023. Donations in her name to Mt. Hood Hospice, 39085 Pioneer Blvd Suite 1018, Sandy, OR 97055. Full obituary: https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/gresham-or/barbara-virgilio-11179613

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Wenzel, Eleanore J

Eleanore Jarzynski Wenzel, age 92, was reunited with her loving son, James Wenzel, parents, Matthew and Stella Jarzynski, brothers, Edward and Leon, and sister, Dorothy Wenderski on March 31, as she died peacefully in the loving care of her family. Born on September 30, 1930, in Chicago, IL, Eleanore is survived by her four children, Louise Reed of Collinsville, IL, Judy Wenzel of Fort Myers, FL, Paul Wenzel of New York, NY, and Richard Wenzel of Chevy Chase, MD. Additionally, her doting grandchildren, Kristopher, Catherine, and Alyssa, great granddaughters, Tathiana and Amelie, and loving nieces and nephews.

Dedicated first and foremost to raising her family, Eleanore loved time spent with her grandchildren. She enjoyed travel, the arts and theater, playing bridge with her friends, gardening, and golf. Eleanore was an active member of St. James Parish, the Glen Ellyn Women's Club, and cherished her years of volunteer work as an elementary school librarian. She was a constant patron of various Catholic and environmental charities. Eleanore lived a life of grace, dignity, and love.

Donations in her memory may be made to the Morton Arboretum.

Private services held.

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Wojciechowski, Katherine R.

Katherine R. Wojciechowski (nee Podesta), 87, of Bartlett, died March 27, 2023. Katherine was the beloved wife of the late Theodore; loving mother of Danielle (Dwight) LaVine, Karen Giammarese, Laurette (Patrick) Monahan and Nancy (Nick) Pecora; proud grandmother of Alyce (Ryan) Hermosillo, Elizabeth (Micah) Stockdale, Lauren and Michael Giammarese, Patrick (Angelika) Monahan, Sean, Caleigh and Lindsey Monahan, Natalie and Julia Pecora; dear great grandmother of Jackson, Everett, Noah, Eli, Calen, Corin, Casen, Canon, and Maya. Katherine loved spending time and being with her family. She also enjoyed cooking. A celebration of life memorial service will be held for Katherine at a later time. Arrangements by **Countryside Funeral Home and Crematory**. wwww.countrysidefuneralhomes.com or (630)289-7575

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Zenz, Eugene G.

Eugene G. Zenz, age 81, United States Army Veteran; Beloved husband of Mary Ann (nee Rybicki) for 51 years; Loving father of Michael (Rita) and Joanne (John) Van Etten; Proud grandfather of Alex, Julia, Rebekah, Janelle, Abigail and Nicholas Zenz and Claire and Jack Van Etten; Dear brother of David (Julie) and Jeanette Kredens (Ray Jackson) and brother-in-law of the late Don Rybicki and Cynthia (late Donald) Gentile; Fond uncle of many nieces and nephews and a friend to many; Memorial Visitation Saturday, April 22, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. at St. Catherine of Alexandria Church, 10621 S. Keeler Ave., Oak Lawn, IL with Mass to follow at 10:00 a.m. Interment private. Funeral arrangements entrusted to **Walter Quinlan Funeral Directors**, 708-425-3700 or www.walterquinlanfuneraldirectors.com.

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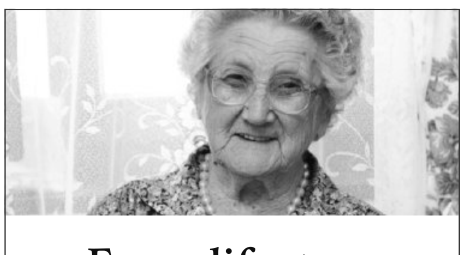

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AccuWeather Outlook: Partly sunny and breezy.

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	High: 56 Low: 45	High: 56 Low: 42	High: 60 Low: 53	High: 55 Low: 30	High: 47 Low: 35	High: 47 Low: 42
	Partly sunny, warmer; breezy in the p.m.	A couple of showers in the afternoon	Strong thunderstorms; cloudy and breezy	Windy with some rain and a thunderstorm	Breezy and chilly with plenty of sunshine	Clouds to start, then sunshine returns
	POP: 0%	POP: 70%	POP: 90%	POP: 85%	POP: 10%	POP: 0%
	Winds: S 8-16 mph	Winds: ESE 6-12 mph	Winds: E 8-16 mph	Winds: SW 20-30 mph	Winds: W 12-25 mph	Winds: NE 7-14 mph

CHICAGO FORECAST

Sunday Conditions

	8 a.m.	10 a.m.	Noon	2 p.m.	4 p.m.	6 p.m.	8 p.m.
AccuWeather.com UV Index™	1	3	5	5	3	1	0
RealFeel Temperature®	30	37	45	50	50	48	48

Sunday Activities

	8 a.m.	10 a.m.	Noon	2 p.m.	4 p.m.	6 p.m.	8 p.m.
Outdoor Activities Index	3	4	5	6	6	6	4
Fishing Index	0	0	3	10	8	7	5

The higher the **AccuWeather.com UV Index** number, the greater the need for eye and skin protection. **0-2** Low, **3-5** Moderate, **6-7** High, **8-10** Very High, **11+** Extreme. The patented **AccuWeather.com RealFeel Temperature** is an exclusive index of effective temperature based on eight weather factors. **Outdoor Activities and Fishing Indexes**: **0-2**: Poor; **3-4**: Fair; **5-6**: Good; **7-8**: Very Good; **9-10**: Excellent.

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Friday Temperatures

O'Hare through 4 p.m.

High	70
Low	51
Normal high	53
Normal low	35
Record high	87 (1981)
Record low	12 (1969)

Local Temperatures
through 6 p.m. Friday

Location	Hi	Lo	Normal Hi	Normal Lo
Aurora	67	52	54	32
Gary	66	52	53	35
Kankakee	69	51	55	34
Lansing	69	51	53	35
Midway	69	52	54	36
Romeoville	71	53	55	35
Valparaiso	66	50	56	35
Waukegan	69	46	50	31

Friday Precipitation

	2023	2022	Normal
Friday*	0.10"	0.49"	0.10"
Month to date	2.71"	3.71"	2.45"
Year to date	9.14"	7.15"	6.41"
Snowfall			
Friday*	0.0"	0.1"	0.1"
Month to date	1.8"	3.8"	5.5"
Season to date	19.6"	32.4"	37.1"

*24-hour period ending 4 p.m. Friday

Air Quality Index

Friday's reading

Moderate

Sunday's forecast

Good

Primary pollutant **Particulates**

Source: AirNow.gov

Sun and Moon

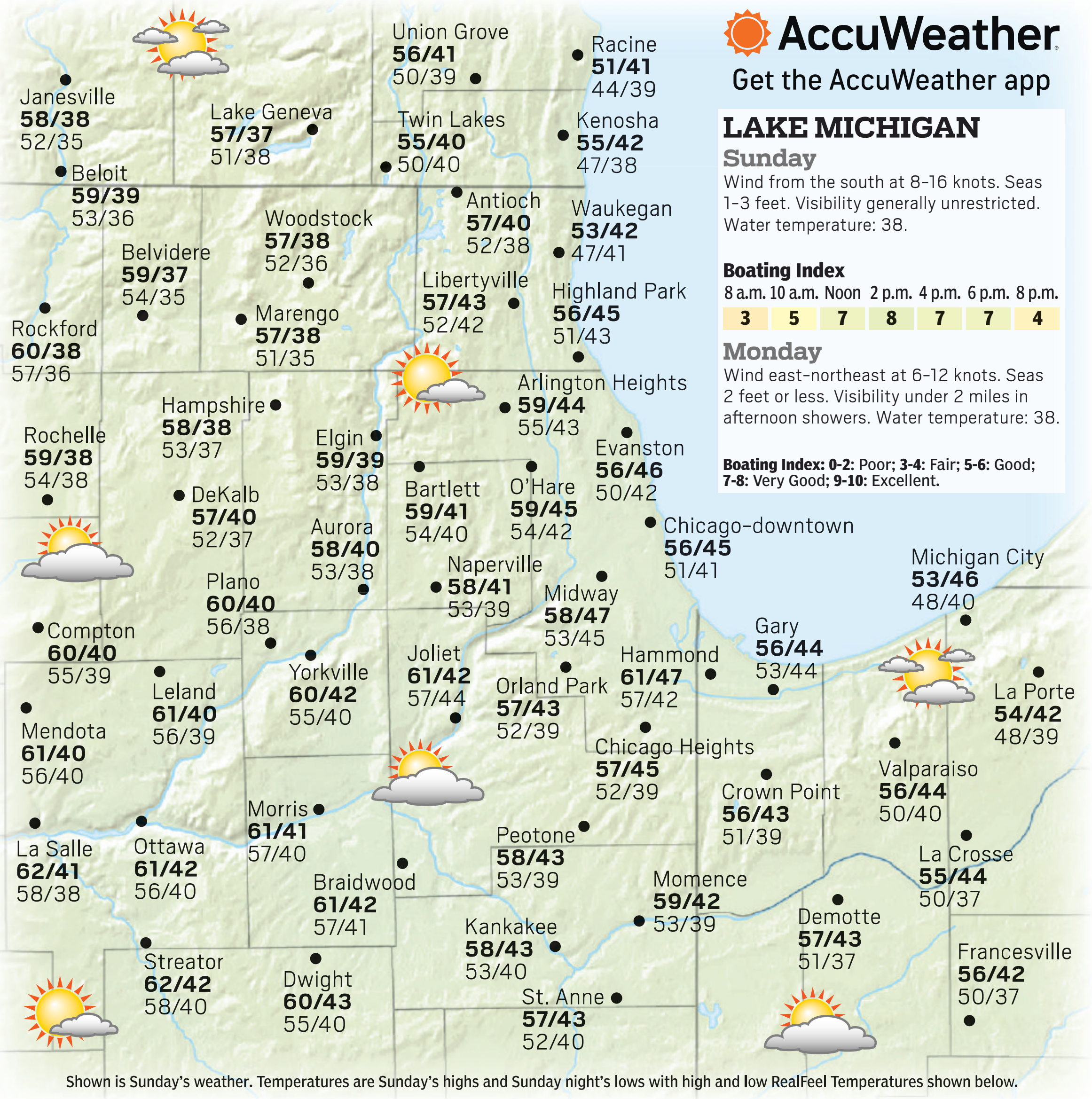
	Sun.	Mon.
Sunrise	6:32 a.m.	6:31 a.m.
Sunset	7:17 p.m.	7:18 p.m.
Moonrise	3:51 p.m.	4:54 p.m.
Moonset	5:22 a.m.	5:44 a.m.

Full	Last	New	First
Apr 5	Apr 13	Apr 19	Apr 27

Sunday's Planet Watch

	Rise	Set
Mercury	7:03 a.m.	8:39 p.m.
Venus	8:02 a.m.	10:31 p.m.
Mars	10:40 a.m.	2:10 a.m.
Jupiter	6:54 a.m.	7:48 p.m.
Saturn	5:08 a.m.	3:49 p.m.

Best viewing times today: Venus: 7:30 p.m. Mars: 7:30 p.m. Jupiter: 7:30 p.m. Saturn: 6:05 a.m. Mercury: 7:30 p.m.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Sunday

Wind from the south at 8-16 knots. Seas 1-3 feet. Visibility generally unrestricted. Water temperature: 38.

Boating Index

8 a.m.	10 a.m.	Noon	2 p.m.	4 p.m.	6 p.m.	8 p.m.
3	5	7	8	7	7	4

Monday

Wind east-northeast at 6-12 knots. Seas 2 feet or less. Visibility under 2 miles in afternoon showers. Water temperature: 38.

Boating Index: 0-2: Poor; **3-4:** Fair; **5-6:** Good; **7-8:** Very Good; **9-10:** Excellent.

Shown is Sunday's weather. Temperatures are Sunday's highs and Sunday night's lows with high and low RealFeel Temperatures shown below.

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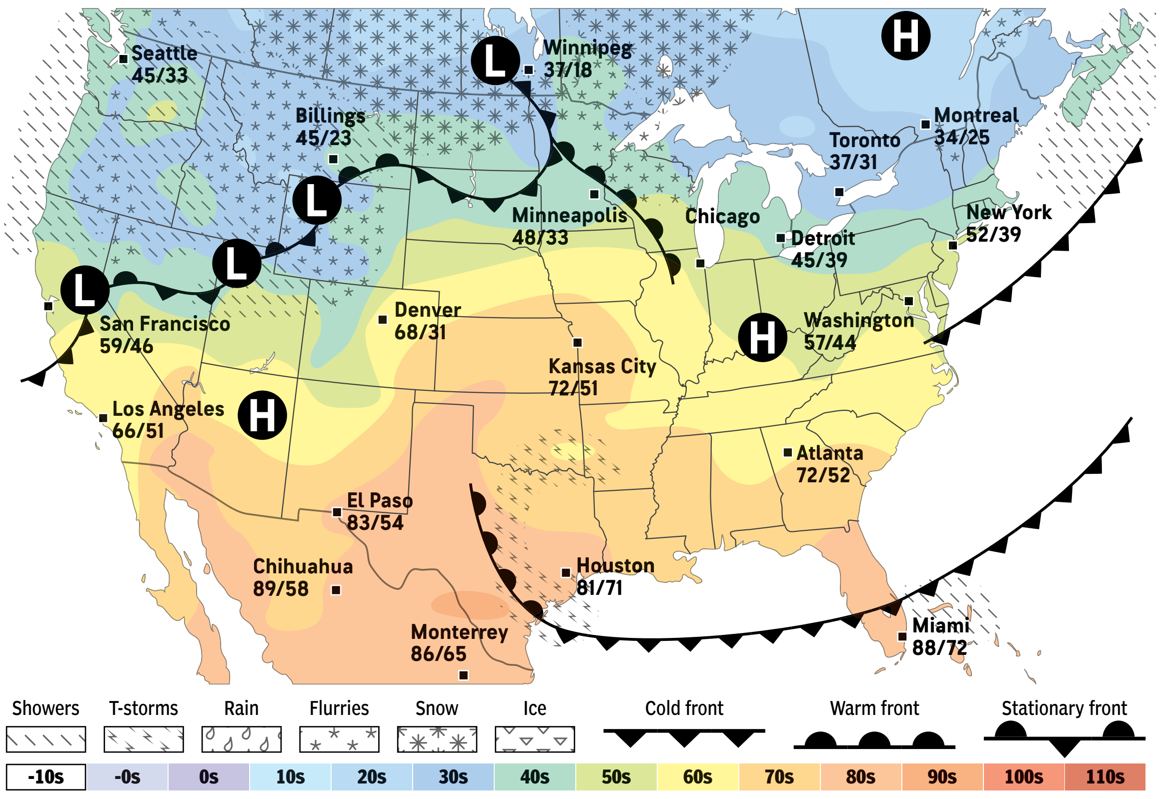
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REGIONAL CITIES

City	Sun. Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W
Illinois		
Carbondale	64/53/s	71/65/pc
Champaign	60/45/s	65/55/sh
Decatur	62/46/s	66/55/sh
Moline	66/38/s	58/46/sh
Peoria	64/45/s	61/49/sh
Quincy	67/47/pc	62/50/sh
Rockford	60/38/s	60/45/sh
Springfield	63/47/pc	66/55/sh
Sterling	62/37/pc	61/42/sh
Indiana		
Bloomington	60/47/s	69/58/pc
Evansville	64/47/s	70/60/pc
Fort Wayne	52/42/s	65/44/pc
Indianapolis	57/45/pc	67/57/pc
Lafayette	60/48/s	67/56/t
South Bend	54/43/pc	61/46/c
Wisconsin		
Green Bay	44/34/c	54/33/pc
Kenosha	55/42/pc	61/40/sh
La Crosse	58/34/c	58/37/pc
Madison	56/37/c	60/37/c
Milwaukee	54/44/c	58/40/c
Wausau	46/30/sf	49/32/pc
Michigan		
Detroit	45/39/pc	65/45/c
Grand Rapids	51/41/c	57/40/c
Marquette	36/32/sf	37/25/c
Sault Ste. Marie	35/31/sf	40/24/pc
Traverse City	47/39/c	51/34/c
Iowa		
Ames	68/34/pc	55/41/sh
Cedar Rapids	64/33/pc	54/42/sh
Des Moines	69/39/s	57/44/sh
Dubuque	60/36/pc	56/41/sh

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Sun. Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W
Abilene	88/59/pc	91/65/pc
Albany, NY	43/27/s	58/43/pc
Albuquerque	70/42/s	74/36/s
Amarillo	79/46/s	82/50/s
Anchorage	36/30/s	35/33/pc
Asheville	64/43/s	68/48/s
Aspen	49/28/pc	49/22/r
Atlanta	72/52/pc	70/57/sh
Atlantic City	54/40/s	58/52/s
Austin	82/67/t	91/71/c
Baltimore	57/39/s	73/54/pc
Billings	45/23/c	40/22/sn
Birmingham	72/53/pc	73/64/t
Bismarck	44/26/sn	32/20/sn
Boise	46/29/c	44/28/c
Boston	48/31/s	54/48/pc
Brownsville	88/73/pc	91/75/pc
Buffalo	40/33/pc	55/43/c
Burlington, VT	37/26/s	51/38/c
Charleston, SC	71/52/pc	75/61/pc
Charleston, WV	59/39/s	76/55/s
Charlotte	68/47/s	72/55/s
Chattanooga	68/48/s	72/61/pc
Cheyenne	54/28/pc	49/16/pc
Cincinnati	57/44/s	70/58/sh
Cleveland	46/41/s	63/48/pc
Colorado Spgs	69/34/pc	66/33/s
Columbia, MO	71/51/s	70/57/pc
Columbia, SC	71/50/s	75/57/pc
Columbus, OH	54/41/s	67/55/pc
Concord	40/21/s	53/39/c
Corpus Christi	86/71/c	88/74/pc
Dallas	77/66/t	88/70/pc
Daytona Beach	81/65/pc	81/66/t
Denver	68/31/pc	62/21/s
Duluth	42/29/sf	40/26/c
El Paso	83/54/s	83/56/s
Fairbanks	34/27/sn	35/31/pc
Fargo	39/28/pc	31/25/sn
Flagstaff	57/30/s	49/15/sh
Fort Myers	89/68/s	89/71/s
Fort Smith	73/55/s	84/65/pc
Fresno	66/41/pc	60/38/pc
Grand Junction	62/42/pc	58/31/r
Great Falls	44/21/sf	38/18/sn
Harrisburg	54/36/s	71/50/pc
Hartford	47/29/s	58/45/pc
Helena, MT	42/20/sf	40/23/sn
Honolulu	81/74/sh	83/74/sh
Houston	81/71/t	87/73/c
Int'l Falls	42/29/c	34/23/sn
Jackson, MS	75/58/c	81/69/t
Jacksonville	83/57/pc	79/64/c
Juneau	45/34/r	49/28/s
Kansas City	72/51/s	62/51/r
Las Vegas	76/54/s	60/39/pc
Lexington	58/43/s	71/57/s
Lincoln	73/39/s	58/41/pc
Little Rock	74/56/pc	81/66/pc
Los Angeles	66/51/pc	59/44/pc
Louisville	62/48/s	72/62/pc
Macon	75/52/pc	73/56/sh
Memphis	70/57/pc	76/69/c
Miami	88/72/t	85/75/t
Minneapolis	48/33/c	46/31/c
Mobile	77/61/c	78/67/t
Montgomery	74/54/pc	76/64/r
Nashville	67/52/s	74/63/pc
New Orleans	79/69/c	86/73/t
New York City	52/39/s	62/51/pc
Norfolk	59/46/s	73/55/s
Oklahoma City	72/54/s	84/65/s
Omaha	71/40/pc	58/43/c
Orlando	88/66/s	88/66/t
Palm Beach	85/74/t	86/74/t
Palm Springs	82/53/s	70/46/pc
Philadelphia	54/38/s	69/52/pc
Phoenix	82/56/s	80/49/s
Pittsburgh	50/38/s	68/52/pc
Portland, ME	42/27/s	45/39/c
Portland, OR	48/34/sh	47/34/sh
Providence	50/30/s	55/46/pc
Raleigh	66/44/s	72/53/s
Rapid City	49/26/c	38/17/sn
Reno	55/31/c	37/23/pc
Richmond	63/40/s	76/53/s
Rochester	38/29/pc	59/39/c
Sacramento	62/38/pc	59/36/pc
St. Louis	68/52/s	71/62/pc
Salem, OR	46/34/sh	50/35/sh
Salt Lake City	52/34/c	39/27/sn
San Antonio	87/67/t	93/71/c
San Diego	64/55/pc	60/49/c
San Francisco	59/46/pc	56/47/pc
San Juan	86/72/pc	87/73/pc
Santa Fe	65/34/s	69/29/s
Savannah	75/55/pc	76/63/sh
Seattle	45/33/sh	49/34/sh
Shreveport	78/65/t	89/70/pc
Sioux Falls	51/33/pc	47/32/c
Spokane	42/28/c	41/28/c
Syracuse	37/27/pc	60/42/c
Tallahassee	78/54/pc	77/61/c
Tampa	87/67/s	86/70/pc
Topeka	77/51/s	61/52/t
Tucson	80/53/s	80/45/s
Tulsa	73/58/s	85/67/s
Washington, DC	57/44/s	74/56/s
Wichita	80/54/s	78/56/s
Wilkes-Barre	50/32/s	70/45/pc
Yuma	86/56/s	75/46/pc

Weather(W): s-sunny, **pc**-partly cloudy, **c**-cloudy, **sh**-showers, **t**-thunderstorms, **r**-rain, **sf**-snow flurries, **sn**-snow, **i**-ice. **POP**: Probability of Precipitation.

WORLD CITIES

City	Sun. Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W
Acapulco	88/69/s	88/71/pc
Algiers	65/48/pc	65/46/sh
Amsterdam	50/33/s	51/32/pc
Ankara	60/44/c	68/43/pc
Athens	65/56/t	66/55/r
Auckland	73/59/pc	68/56/pc
Baghdad	71/48/pc	79/53/s
Bangkok	98/81/pc	99/81/s
Barbados	86/75/sh	86/75/sh
Barcelona	65/51/pc	65/49/s
Beijing	72/51/c	65/49/r
Beirut	69/56/s	74/62/s
Berlin	46/29/pc	44/27/pc
Bermuda	72/61/r	68/61/c
Bogota	64/50/sh	67/50/sh
Brussels	51/33/pc	50/32/pc
Bucharest	63/43/t	53/33/r
Budapest	60/42/sh	51/27/c
Bueno Aires	73/64/c	72/65/pc
Cairo	82/60/s	89/65/s
Cancun	88/72/s	87/74/pc
Caracas	90/73/t	88/73/t
Casablanca	77/48/s	78/52/s
Copenhagen	45/31/s	44/31/pc
Dublin	52/39/pc	54/41/c
Edmonton	41/20/c	34/17/c
Frankfurt	48/33/sh	49/30/pc
Geneva	51/40/sh	51/35/s
Guadalajara	91/54/pc	91/54/pc
Havana	90/70/s	89/69/pc
Helsinki	35/20/s	37/20/sf
Hong Kong	78/72/c	78/72/t
Istanbul	63/53/r	64/53/r
Jerusalem	68/48/s	78/56/s
Johannesburg	72/54/t	70/52/t
Kabul	61/45/pc	60/43/c
Kingston	88/75/pc	87/76/pc
Kyiv	50/40/r	43/30/sh
Lima	82/71/c	82/72/pc
Lisbon	71/50/s	75/54/pc
London	55/33/pc	56/34/pc
Madrid	65/36/pc	68/35/s
Manila	94/79/s	93/79/pc
Mexico City	85/58/s	86/57/pc
Monterrey	86/65/t	95/67/t
Montreal	34/25/s	45/34/c
Moscow	50/42/c	53/42/sh
Munich	48/33/sh	42/24/pc
Nairobi	83/59/t	78/60/t
Nassau	85/73/s	84/71/pc
New Delhi	85/66/pc	89/65/pc
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Rio de Janeiro	81/73/r	82/74/pc
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Santiago	85/52/s	81/51/pc
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Taipei	80/63/pc	77/64/c
Tehran	61/44/s	67/47/s
Tokyo	62/48/sh	62/48/s
Toronto	37/31/pc	58/39/c
Trinidad	86/74/c	87/75/t
Vancouver	47/34/c	48/35/sf
Vienna	54/36/sh	46/29/pc
Warsaw	44/27/c	41/29/pc
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NATION & WORLD

WAR IN UKRAINE

Orthodox leader under house arrest

Priest suspected of justifying invasion, a criminal offense

By Karl Ritter and Elena Becatoros
Associated Press

Priests of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church pray with their supporters Saturday after resisting a government order to vacate the famed Kyiv Pechersk Lavra monastery complex in Kyiv, which is Ukraine's most revered Orthodox site. **ROMAN HRYTSYNA/AP**

KYIV, Ukraine — A Kyiv court ordered a leading priest to be put under house arrest Saturday after Ukraine's top security agency said he was suspected of justifying Russian aggression, a criminal offense. It was the latest move in a bitter dispute over a famed Orthodox monastery.

Metropolitan Pavel is the abbot of the Kyiv Pechersk Lavra monastery, Ukraine's most revered Orthodox site.

He has denied the charges and resisted the authorities' order to vacate the complex.

In a court hearing earlier in the day, the metropolitan said the claim by the Security Service of Ukraine, known as the SBU, that he condoned Russia's invasion was politically driven.

"I have never been on the side of aggression," Pavel told reporters in the courthouse. "This is my land."

After the court's ruling, a monitoring bracelet was placed around his ankle, despite his objections that he has diabetes and should not wear it.

"I am accepting this," he said shortly before the bracelet was attached. "Christ was crucified on the cross, so why shouldn't I accept this?"

Earlier in the week, he cursed Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, threatening him with damnation.

The monks in the monastery belong to the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, which has been accused of having links to Russia.

The dispute surrounding the property, also known as the Monastery of the Caves, is part of a wider religious conflict that has unfolded in parallel with the war.

The Ukrainian government has cracked down on the UOC over its historic ties to the Russian Orthodox Church, whose leader, Patriarch Kirill, has supported Russian President Vladimir Putin in the invasion of Ukraine.

The UOC has insisted that it's loyal to Ukraine and has denounced the Russian invasion.

But Ukrainian security agencies say some in the church have maintained close ties with Moscow.

The agencies have raided numerous holy sites of the church and then posted photos of rubles, Russian passports and leaflets with messages from the Moscow patriarch as proof that some church officials have been loyal to Russia.

The government had ordered the monks to leave the compound by Wednesday. It claims they violated their lease by making alterations to the historic site and other technical infractions. The monks rejected the claim as a pretext.

Dozens of UOC supporters gathered outside the monastery Saturday, singing hymns in the rain. A smaller group of protesters also turned up, accusing the other side of sympathizing with Moscow.

"They wash the brains of people with Russian support, and they are very dangerous for Ukraine," said Senia Kravchuk, a 38-year-old software developer from Kyiv. "They sing songs in support of Russia, and that's horrible, here, in the center of Kyiv."

Third-year seminary student David, 21, disagreed. Dressed in a priest's robes and with a Ukrainian flag draped around his shoulders, he insisted the Lavra priests and residents were in no way pro-Russian.

The state, he said, was trying to evict hundreds of people from Lavra without a court order.

"Look at me. I'm in priest's clothes, with a Ukrainian flag and a cross around my neck. Could you say that I'm pro-Russian?" said David, who declined to give his last name because of the tensions surrounding the issue.

"The priests are currently singing a Ukrainian hymn, and they're being called pro-Russian," he added. "Can you believe it?"

Many Orthodox communities in Ukraine have cut their ties with the UOC and transitioned to the rival Orthodox Church of Ukraine, which more than four years ago received recognition from the Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople.

Bartholomew I is considered the first among equals among the leaders of the Eastern Orthodox churches.

Patriarch Kirill and most other Orthodox patriarchs have refused to accept his decision authorizing the second Ukrainian church.

In other news Saturday, Zelenskyy condemned the U.N. Security Council for allowing Russia to assume its presidency. The council's 15 members each serve as president for a month, on a rotating basis.

Zelenskyy said Russian artillery had killed a 5-month-old boy in the town of Avdiivka on Friday, "one of hundreds of artillery attacks" each day, and added that Russia presiding over the Security Council "proves the complete bankruptcy of such institutions."

Two civilians were reported killed in Russian shelling Saturday, one each in the Kherson and Kharkiv regions, Ukrainian authorities there said.

Zelenskyy also said he spoke with French President Emmanuel Macron on Saturday about the battlefield situation and defense cooperation between their two countries.

Pope is discharged from hospital in chipper mood

Plans to celebrate Holy Thursday Mass in a juvenile prison

By Frances D'Emilio
Associated Press

Pope Francis autographs a boy's cast as he leaves the Agostino Gemelli University Hospital on Saturday in Rome. The pope had received treatment for bronchitis. **GREGORIO BORGIA/AP**

ROME — A chipper-sounding Pope Francis was discharged Saturday from the Rome hospital where he was treated for bronchitis, quipping to journalists before being driven away that he's "still alive."

Francis, 86, was hospitalized at Gemelli University Hospital on Wednesday following his weekly public audience in St. Peter's Square after reportedly experiencing breathing difficulties. The pontiff received antibiotics administered intravenously during his stay, the Vatican said.

In a sign of his improved health, the Vatican released details of Francis' Holy Week schedule. It said he would preside at this weekend's Palm Sunday Mass and at Easter Mass on Sunday, both held in St. Peter's Square and expected to draw tens of thousands of faithful. A Vatican cardinal will be at the altar to celebrate both Masses, a recent practice due to the pontiff having a troublesome knee issue.

But Francis is scheduled to celebrate Holy Thursday Mass, which this year will be held in a juvenile prison in Rome.

Still unclear was whether he would attend the late-night, torch-lit Way of the Cross procession at Rome's Colosseum to mark Good Friday.

Before leaving Gemelli University Hospital late Saturday morning, Francis comforted a Rome couple whose 5-year-old daughter died Friday night at the Catholic hospital. Outside, Serena Subania, mother of Angelica, sobbed as she pressed her head into the chest of the pope, who held her close and whispered words of comfort.

Francis seemed eager to linger with well-wishers. When a boy showed him his arm cast, the pope made a gesture as if to ask, "Do you have a pen?" Three papal aides whipped out theirs. Francis took one of the pens and added his signature to the child's already well-autographed cast.

The pontiff answered in a low voice that was close to a whisper when reporters peppered him with questions, indicating he had felt unwell — "I felt sick," he said, pointing to his mid-section — a symptom that convinced his medical staff to take him to the hospital Wednesday.

Asked how he felt now, Francis joked, "Still alive, you know." He gave a thumbs-up sign.

Francis exited the hospital from a side entrance, but his car stopped in front of the main entrance, where a gaggle of journalists waited. He opened the car door himself and got out from the front passenger seat. Francis had a cane ready to lean on.

After chatting, he got back into the white Fiat 500 car that drove him away from Gemelli. But instead of heading straight home, his motorcade sped right past Vatican City and went to St. Mary Major Basilica, a Rome landmark that is one of his favorites.

There, startled tourists rushed to snap photos of him as he sat in a wheelchair, which he has used often to navigate longer distances in recent years due to the chronic knee problem. When he emerged after praying, residents and tourists in the street called out repeatedly, "Long live the pope!" and clapped.

Francis spent 10 days at the same hospital in July 2021 following intestinal surgery for a bowel narrowing. After his release back then, he also stopped to offer prayers of thanksgiving at St. Mary Major Basilica, which is home to an icon depicting the Virgin Mary. He also visits the church upon returning from trips abroad.

Before leaving the hospital Saturday, Francis, while talking to journalists, praised medical workers, saying they "show great tenderness."

"We sick are capricious. I much admire the people who work in hospitals," he said.

Francis also said he read journalists' accounts of his illness, including in a Rome daily newspaper, and pronounced them well done.

Francis stopped to talk to reporters again before he was driven into the Vatican through a gate of the tiny walled city-state, where he lives at a Holy See hotel. Speaking through an open car window, he said: "Happy Easter to all, and pray for me."

Then, indicating he was eager to resume his routine, he said, "Forward, thanks."

In response to a shouted question from a reporter, who asked if the pope would visit Hungary at the end of April as scheduled, Francis answered, "Yes."

On yet another stop, he got out of his car to distribute chocolate Easter eggs to the police officers who drove the motorcycles at the head of his motorcade.

He told reporters that after Palm Sunday Mass, he would keep his weekly appointment to greet the public in St. Peter's Square.

Harris tours farm in Zambia to spotlight battle against climate change

By Chris Megerian
Associated Press

LUSAKA, Zambia — Vice President Kamala Harris on Saturday traveled down a dirt road to tour a farm outside Zambia's capital that's using new techniques and technology to boost its vegetable crop as she highlighted ways to secure food supplies in an age of global warming.

"It's an example of what can be done around the world," she said after walking past rows of peppers and inspecting a drip irrigation system.

Unlike in the United States, where conversations about climate change revolve around replacing fossil fuels with clean energy, the focus in Africa is on expanding access to food. Rising prices stemming from the Russian invasion of Ukraine have been damaging to poor countries, and global warming is expected to bring more challenges in the coming years.

Hunger can also create instability, leading to migration and conflict.

Harris

"The connection between these issues is quite clear," Harris said.

She is pushing for $7 billion in private-sector investments, mostly to boost conservation and improve food production, to help Africa prepare for the effects of climate change. Her announcement about that goal came as she wrapped up her weeklong visit to Africa, which included earlier stops in Ghana and Tanzania.

The trip was intended to advance U.S. efforts to make inroads in a part of the world where China's influence runs deep.

It's the biggest-ticket item that Harris has announced, but more work will be needed to follow through.

For example, African Parks, a nonprofit group, has committed to raise $1.25 billion over the next seven years in order to expand its conservation program. Another organization, One Acre Fund, plans to raise $100 million to plant 1 billion trees by the end of the decade.

In Ghana, Harris was questioned at a news conference about how the West can demand that Africa go green and forgo using its natural resources. She also was pressed on whether wealthy nations would supply $100 billion annually to help poor countries cope with climate change, a commitment made under the Paris climate accord.

Harris said it is "critically important that, as global leaders, we all speak truth about the disparities that exist in terms of cause and effect and that we address those disparities." She said there were opportunities in the "clean energy economy" that could help generate growth in Africa.

NEWS BRIEFING

Women-staffed radio station shuttered over Taliban ban on music

Family members and relatives mourn as they gather Saturday for the funeral of a woman who died in a Ramadan stampede in Karachi, Pakistan. Pakistani police said they arrested eight suspects Saturday in the southern port city of Karachi after a stampede at a Ramadan food and cash giveaway event outside a factory a day earlier killed 12 people. FAREED KHAN/AP

From news services

JALALABAD, Afghanistan — A women-run radio station in Afghanistan's northeast has been shut down for playing music during the holy month of Ramadan, a Taliban official said Saturday.

Sadai Banowan, which means women's voice in Dari, is Afghanistan's only women-run station and started 10 years ago. It has eight staff members, six of them female.

Moezuddin Ahmadi, the director for Information and Culture in Badakhshan province, said the station violated the "laws and regulations of the Islamic Emirate" several times by broadcasting songs and music during Ramadan and was shuttered because of the breach.

"If this radio station accepts the policy of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan and gives a guarantee that it will not repeat such a thing again, we will allow it to operate again," said Ahmadi.

Station head Najia Sorosh denied there was any violation, saying there was no need for the closure and called it a conspiracy. The Taliban "told us that you have broadcast music. We have not broadcast any kind of music," she said.

Sorosh said that at 11:40 a.m. Thursday, representatives from the Ministry of Information and Culture and the Vice and Virtue Directorate arrived at the station and shut it down. She said station staff have contacted Vice and Virtue, but officials there said they do not have any additional information about the closing.

The Taliban have barred women from most forms of employment and education beyond the sixth grade, including university.

Ukraine war chaplains: The first group of chaplains to join the Ukrainian military's command structure has graduated. Although chaplains have ministered to Ukraine's armed forces for years, they worked as embedded civilians rather than as officers.

Now they undergo a six-week training program and get inducted.

The first group of military chaplains to fall under the new system began training Feb. 20 and had their graduation ceremony Saturday at Kyiv's 11th century Saint Sophia Cathedral.

In their new assignments, they won't use weapons but are expected to know general military concepts and tactical medicine, according to Ukrainian authorities.

Doomsday case: A mother charged with murder in the deaths of her two children is set to stand trial in Idaho. The proceedings against Lori Vallow Daybell beginning Monday could reveal new details in the strange, doomsday-focused case.

Vallow Daybell is charged in the killings of 7-year-old Joshua "JJ" Vallow and 16-year-old Tylee Ryan.

Her husband, Chad Daybell, faces the same charges, and they are also charged in the October 2019 death of Daybell's late wife.

Vallow Daybell has pleaded not guilty, and her attorneys say she has an alibi. Her ex-husband told police she had religious delusions and a close friend said she referred to her children as "zombies" before they were killed.

In November 2019, Rexburg police performed a welfare check and said Lori Vallow Daybell and Chad Daybell lied about the children's whereabouts.

When police returned the next day, the couple had left town.

The search for the couple spanned several states and continued until June 2020, when the children's bodies were found buried in the yard of Daybell's eastern Idaho home.

Detectives learned that his previous wife, Tammy Daybell, had unexpectedly died in October 2019 of what was initially reported as "natural causes," and the family had declined an autopsy.

Chad and Lori married two weeks after Tammy's death.

British travelers delayed: British vacation travelers were stuck in hourslong lines as they tried to cross the English Channel on Saturday, with the Port of Dover in England blaming the delays on bad weather, heavy traffic and processing delays by French authorities.

The port warned ferry passengers of severe delays and said it was "deeply frustrated" by the situation, which has become a regular feature of cross-channel travel since Britain's exit from the European Union.

Saturday was the first day of a two-week spring vacation for most schools in Britain.

While the port said bus passengers faced the longest delays, local media reports showed long lines of cars and trucks as well. Ferry operator DFDS said that due to the heavy traffic, it was offering a "shuttle service" that would put passengers on the next available ship as soon as they check in.

Pakistani soldiers killed: A militant attack from across the border with Iran left four Pakistani soldiers dead Saturday in southwestern Baluchistan province, the army said.

The soldiers were part of a routine border patrol operating along the Pakistan-Iran border when the militants struck in the Jalgai sector of Kech district, the military said in a statement.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the attack.

The army said necessary contact was being established with Iranian officials for "effective action against terrorists" to prevent such incidents in the future. It identified the casualties as Sher Ahmed, Muhammad Asghar, Muhammad Irfan and Abdur Rasheed.

On Friday, a Pakistani soldier was killed in an exchange of fire with militants in North Waziristan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, the army said.

Kenya protest: Kenyan opposition leader Raila Odinga has denounced the point-blank firing of a tear gas canister at local journalists during his latest anti-government protest as a "primitive act of intolerance," and he vows to go to court over what he called an attempt on his own life.

In an interview with The Associated Press on Friday, the 78-year-old longtime candidate for president spoke more about his grievances over last year's election — a loss upheld by Kenya's top court — than rising prices or other painful economic issues affecting Kenyans at large.

Known for his prominent role in the fight for multiparty democracy decades ago, Odinga on Friday warned against attempts by President William Ruto's administration to declare the current protests illegal.

"It's a violation of a fundamental right to demonstrate," said Odinga, who vowed to continue the twice-weekly protests in the capital, Nairobi, and elsewhere that began last week and have been marked at times by violence.

He spoke before traveling to Kisumu, his stronghold in western Kenya, which has also been rocked by the demonstrations.

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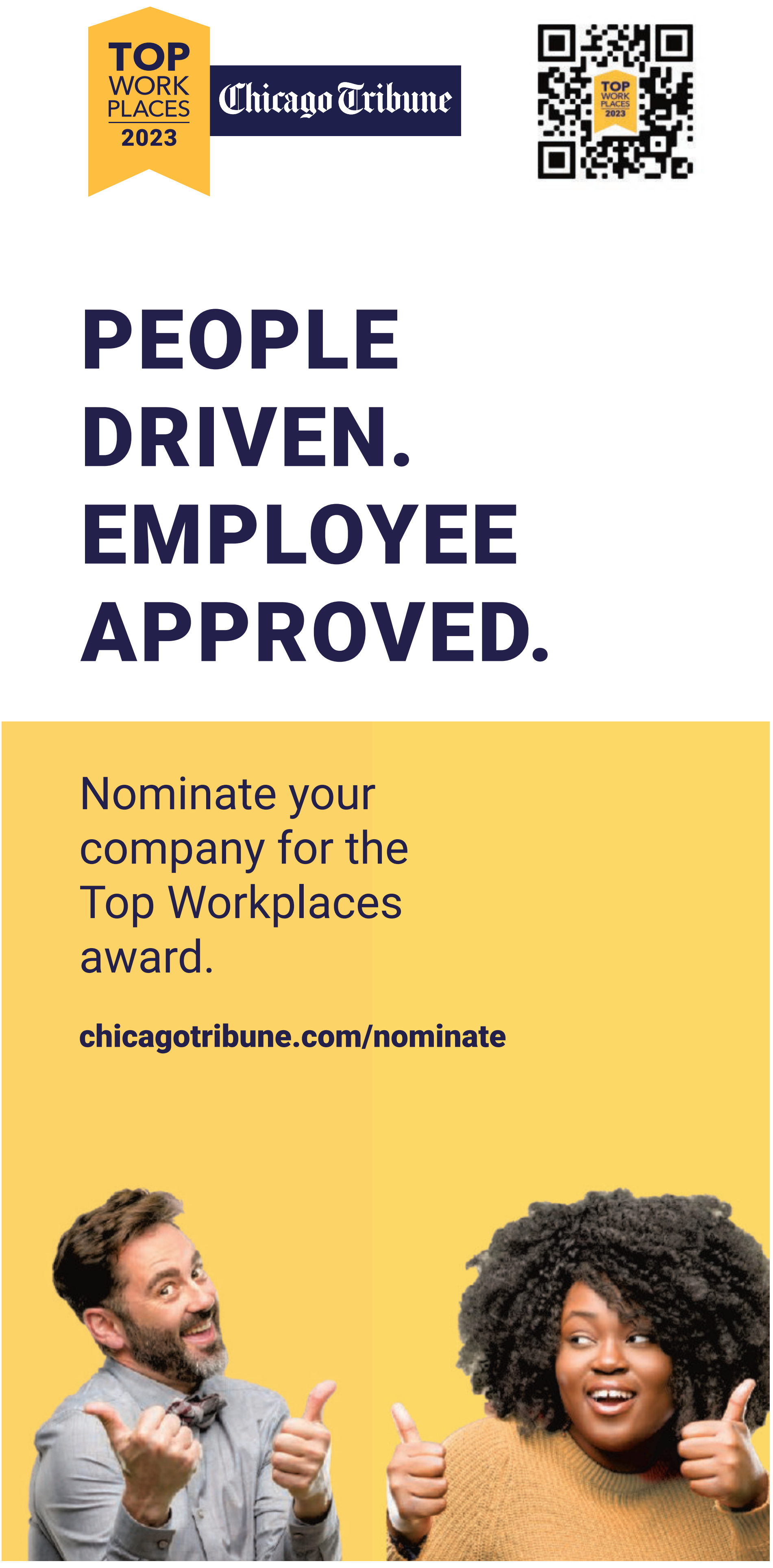

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Presidential scandals run the gamut

A look at how some commanders in chief became jammed up

By Russ Bynum
Associated Press

Presidents Andrew Johnson, from left, Richard Nixon and Bill Clinton. Johnson and Clinton both endured impeachment trials and both were acquitted, while Nixon resigned from office rather than undergo the impeachment process. **GETTY-AFP**

Though far from the only U.S. president dogged by legal and ethical scandals, Donald Trump now occupies a unique place in history as the first indicted on criminal charges.

Two others, like Trump, found themselves impeached by Congress — Bill Clinton for lying under oath about his affair with a White House intern, and Andrew Johnson for pushing the limits of his executive authority in a bitter power struggle following the Civil War.

Richard Nixon resigned in disgrace over his role in the infamous Watergate break-in. And Ronald Reagan and Ulysses S. Grant both became forever tied to scandals in which close aides got prosecuted, though neither president was ever charged.

Here's a look at how Trump's predecessors fared:

Bill Clinton: Clinton spent more than half his presidency under scrutiny in investigations that ranged from failed real estate deals to the Democratic president's affair with a White House intern.

Investigators took a lengthy look into Bill and Hillary Clinton's investments in the troubled Whitewater real estate venture. Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr, appointed to oversee the investigation in 1994, turned up no evidence of wrongdoing by the Clintons. But two of their close associates, Jim and Susan McDougal, ended up convicted of Whitewater-related charges. So did Jim Guy Tucker, Clinton's successor as governor of Arkansas.

Starr's 1998 report packed with lurid details of Clinton's affair with intern Monica Lewinsky proved far more damaging. While being questioned in a sexual harassment lawsuit filed by former Arkansas state employee Paula Jones, Clinton had denied having "sexual relations" with Lewinsky.

Starr concluded that Clinton had lied under oath and obstructed justice. That led to the House voting to impeach Clinton on Dec. 19, 1998. He was acquitted by the Senate, allowing him to remain in office until his term ended in January 2001.

Ronald Reagan: Reagan never faced impeachment or court charges for the biggest scandal of his presidency. But the arms-for-hostages scheme that became known as the Iran-Contra affair dogged him long after he left the White House.

In 1986, during Reagan's second term, the public learned that his administration had authorized secret arms sales to Iran while seeking Iranian aid in freeing American hostages held in Lebanon. As much as $30 million from the arms sales was diverted, in violation of U.S. law, to aid rebels fighting the leftist government of Nicaragua.

Reagan's national security adviser, John Poindexter, resigned and an aide, Lt. Col. Oliver North, was fired. Both were also convicted of crimes stemming from efforts to deceive and obstruct Congress. Their convictions were later overturned. President George H.W. Bush, Reagan's successor, pardoned six others involved.

Reagan insisted money from the arms sales was funneled to the Nicaraguan Contra rebels without his knowledge.

Richard Nixon: Nixon resigned from office in August 1974 rather than face impeachment for his administration's cover-up of its involvement in a break-in at the Democratic National Committee headquarters in Washington.

The bungled burglary at the Watergate office building resulted in the indictment of seven men, including two former White House aides. Five of the Watergate defendants pleaded guilty; two were convicted in criminal trials.

Intrigue over the 1972 Watergate break-in didn't stop Nixon from cruising to reelection a few months later. He endured the storm until the House Judiciary Committee in 1974 approved three articles of impeachment accusing him of obstruction of justice, abuse of power and contempt of Congress.

Before the full House could vote, a bombshell tape recording was released in which Nixon could be heard approving a plan to pressure the FBI to drop its Watergate investigation. Nixon resigned after losing support from key congressional Republicans.

His vice president, Gerald Ford, became president and pardoned Nixon a month later.

Ulysses S. Grant: While never personally charged with crimes or formally accused of wrongdoing, Grant as president torpedoed a corruption case prosecuted by his own administration. The man on trial was Grant's personal secretary in the White House.

In 1875, an investigation launched by Treasury Secretary Benjamin Bristow resulted in hundreds of arrests in a scheme known as the Whiskey Ring, in which distillers, revenue agents and fellow conspirators diverted millions of dollars in liquor taxes to themselves.

The Civil War general-turned-president found himself at odds with the crackdown when Gen. Orville Babcock ended up charged as a conspirator. Not only was Babcock the president's personal secretary, but he and Grant had been friends since the war.

Prosecutors said they had uncovered telegrams Babcock sent to ringleaders to assist their scheme. Regardless, Grant insisted on testifying in his aide's defense.

To avoid the spectacle of the president appearing at Babcock's trial, attorneys questioned Grant under oath at the White House on Feb. 12, 1876. A transcript of his testimony was later read in court in St. Louis. The jury acquitted Babcock, a decision largely credited to Grant's unwavering defense.

Andrew Johnson: The first American president to have his legacy tarnished by impeachment, Johnson's woes arose from his intense feuding with Congress over Reconstruction following the Civil War.

The Tennessee Democrat had been elected vice president in 1864 as part of a unity ticket with Abraham Lincoln, and Johnson assumed the presidency after Lincoln's 1865 assassination. From the White House, Johnson called for pardoning Confederate leaders and opposed extending voting rights to freed Black people, infuriating congressional Republicans.

It was Johnson's firing of Secretary of War Edwin Stanton, a Lincoln appointee who favored tougher policies toward the defeated South, that prompted the House to pass articles of impeachment that accused the president of ousting and replacing Stanton illegally.

Johnson's impeachment trial began in the Senate on March 5, 1868. It ended more than two months later, with senators just one vote short of removing him from office. He served the remainder of his final year, but fellow Democrats denied him their nomination to run again.

Israelis protest Saturday for a 13th week in Tel Aviv against a plan by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's government to overhaul the country's judicial system. **OHAD ZWIGENBERG/AP**

Israelis still protesting legal overhaul despite suspension

Associated Press

TEL AVIV, Israel — Tens of thousands of Israelis protested Saturday against a controversial plan to revamp the country's legal system, despite Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's suspension of the changes earlier in the week.

The protesters gathered in Tel Aviv, Israel's commercial hub on the Mediterranean, for the 13th weekly demonstration, raising Israeli flags and banners against what they said were plans to weaken the Supreme Court. Several smaller rallies took place in other towns and cities.

The protests have been going on since Netanyahu's government, the most right-wing in the country's history, introduced the changes.

But on Monday, Netanyahu delayed the overhaul plan, saying he wanted "to avoid civil war" by making time to seek a compromise with political opponents. Protest organizers, however, vowed to keep up the pressure, calling for the plans to be scrapped.

The proposal has plunged Israel into its worst domestic crisis in decades. Business leaders, top economists and former security chiefs have all come out against the plan, saying it is pushing the country toward an autocracy. Fighter pilots and military reservists have threatened not to report for duty, and the country's currency, the shekel, has tumbled in value.

The plan would give Netanyahu, who is on trial on corruption charges, and his allies the final say in appointing the nation's judges. It would also give parliament, which is controlled by his allies, authority to overturn Supreme Court decisions and limit the court's ability to review laws.

Netanyahu has argued that the overhaul is needed to rein in a liberal and overly interventionist court of unelected judges. But his opponents say the package would damage the country's system of checks and balances by concentrating power in the hands of Netanyahu's allies. They also say that he has a conflict of interest as a criminal defendant.

Meanwhile, Israeli police shot and killed a man who they alleged tried to snatch an officer's gun at an entrance to a Jerusalem holy site early Saturday, raising fears of further violence during a time of heightened tensions at the flashpoint compound.

The police said the slain man was 26-year-old Mohammed Alasibi from Hura, a Bedouin Arab village in southern Israel.

Palestinian worshippers at the entrance to the site on Saturday morning had a different account, saying that police shot the man at least 10 times after he tried to prevent them from harassing a woman who was on her way to the holy compound, home to Al-Aqsa Mosque in the heart of Jerusalem's Old City, also revered by Jews as the Temple Mount.

Later Saturday, the Israeli military said a Palestinian driver rammed his vehicle into a group of Israelis in the occupied West Bank. Israeli medics said three people were wounded, two seriously, and the alleged attacker was shot dead.

Charles wins German hearts as 'soft power' visit pays off

By Frank Jordans and Emily Schultheis
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Britain's King Charles III and Camilla, the queen consort, toast at their farewell reception Friday in Hamburg, Germany, at the end of their three-day visit. **CHRIS JACKSON/GETTY**

BERLIN — King Charles III won plenty of hearts during his three-day visit to Germany, his first foreign trip since ascending to the throne following the death of his mother, Elizabeth II, last year.

Charles' tour saw a number of firsts that show the importance both countries placed on it — at a time when London and Berlin are trying to rebuild relations frayed by Britain's departure from the European Union.

German President Frank-Walter Steinmeier took the unprecedented step of welcoming Charles and Camilla, the queen consort, at the Brandenburg Gate with military honors Wednesday. A day later, Charles became the first monarch to address the Bundestag, the German parliament, stressing the long-standing close ties between both countries and the importance of future cooperation.

Observers in both Germany and the U.K. said the trip sent a strong signal about the enduring strength of British-German relations.

Jens Zimmermann, a lawmaker from Germany's center-left Social Democrats, said Charles sent a "clear message" by speaking to parliament partially in German.

"The speech in the Bundestag was very well-received," Zimmermann said. "It was much more political than you might have expected. It was very connecting — I think that was very good."

In the speech, Charles emphasized that London and Berlin have provided considerable aid to Ukraine in its efforts to fend off Russia's invasion — praise that will have been gratifying to a German government more used to claims it's not doing enough to help Kyiv. Zimmermann said Charles thanking Germans for taking in so many Ukrainians seeking shelter from the war might also be seen as a roundabout criticism of the British government's recent anti-refugee policies.

Although King Charles cannot pass legislation or directly impact British policy, the "soft power" of his visit should not be underestimated, Zimmermann said.

Others said that after the pandemic's long-distance diplomacy, in-person visits like Charles' can help deepen and renew relationships between leaders.

"I think as coronavirus has faded, we've been reminded of the value of face-to-face meetings," said Bronwen Maddox, chief executive of the Chatham House think tank.

Charles had originally planned to visit France first, but anti-government protests there led both governments to postpone that part of his trip. The new itinerary put the focus on Germany, where Charles has family roots, and the royals have long been the subject of keen interest.

That fascination was on display among the German public at Charles' appearances. Despite the wet and cold spring weather, well-wishers waited patiently to greet Charles and Camilla at their stops in Berlin and Hamburg, a city that sees itself as having a particularly close connection to Britain due to its long seafaring and trading ties.

Michael Kruse, a lawmaker with the pro-business Free Democrats who like Zimmermann is a member of the German-British parliamentary group, said the two countries continue to have many common economic interests despite Britain's divorce from the EU.

"The channel has widened due to Brexit," he said. "That's why the visit by Britain's head of state was all the more important."

Kruse voiced a hope, shared by many in Germany, that London will find its way back into the 27-nation bloc.

"The door should always be open for this," he said.

At least 21 dead in wake of storms

Possibly dozens of tornadoes wreaked havoc on wide area

By Adrian Sainz and Andrew Demillo
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Jaycee Ahlefeld stands amid bare ground Saturday in Sullivan, Ind., after a late-night tornado devastated the area. Ahlefeld's son attended a day care that stood on what is now an empty lot. Multiple deaths were reported in the area. **DOUG MCSCHOOLER/AP**

WYNNE, Ark. — Storms that dropped possibly dozens of tornadoes killed at least 21 people in small towns and big cities across the South and Midwest, tearing a path through the Arkansas capital, collapsing the roof of a packed concert venue in Illinois and stunning people throughout the region Saturday with the damage's scope.

Confirmed or suspected tornadoes in at least eight states destroyed homes and businesses, splintered trees, and lay waste to neighborhoods across a broad swath of the country. The dead included seven in one Tennessee county, four in the small town of Wynne, Arkansas, four in Illinois, and three in nearby Sullivan, Indiana.

Other deaths from the storms that hit Friday night into Saturday were reported in Alabama and Mississippi, along with one near Little Rock, Arkansas, where city officials said more than 2,600 buildings were in a tornado's path.

Stunned residents of Wynne, a community of about 8,000 people 50 miles west of Memphis, Tennessee, woke Saturday to find the high school's roof shredded and its windows blown out. Huge trees lay on the ground, their stumps reduced to nubs. Broken walls, windows and roofs pocked homes and businesses.

Recovery was underway, with workers using chain saws to cut fallen trees and bulldozers moving material from shattered structures. Utility trucks worked to restore power, and volunteers set out to help.

At least seven people died in Tennessee's McNairy County, east of Memphis along the Mississippi border, said David Leckner, the mayor of Adamsville.

"The majority of the damage has been done to homes and residential areas," Leckner said, adding that although it appeared all people were accounted for, crews were going door to door to be sure.

In Belvidere, Illinois, some of the 260 people attending a heavy metal concert at the Apollo Theatre pulled a 50-year-old man from the rubble after part of the roof collapsed; he was dead when emergency workers arrived. Officials said 40 other people were injured, including two with life-threatening injuries.

Crews worked Saturday to clean up around the Apollo, with forklifts pulling away loosely hanging bricks. Business owners picked up shards of glass and covered shattered windows.

In Crawford County, Illinois, three people were killed and eight others injured after a tornado hit around New Hebron, said Bill Burke, the county board chair.

That's not far from where three people were killed in Indiana's Sullivan County, about 95 miles southwest of Indianapolis.

Sullivan Mayor Clint Lamb said at a news conference that an area south of the county seat of about 4,000 "is essentially unrecognizable right now" and that several people were rescued from rubble overnight. There were reports of as many as 12 people injured, he said, and search-and-rescue teams combed damaged areas. "Quite frankly, I'm really, really shocked there isn't more as far as human issues," he said, adding that recovery "is going to be a very long process."

In the Little Rock area, at least one person was killed and more than 50 hurt, some critically, authorities said.

The National Weather Service said the tornado was a high-end EF3 twister with wind speeds up to 165 mph and a path as long as 25 miles.

Gov. Sarah Huckabee Sanders declared a state of emergency and activated the National Guard to help local responders.

A suspected tornado killed a woman in northern Alabama's Madison County, said county official Mac McCutcheon. And in northern Mississippi's Pontotoc County, officials confirmed one death and four injuries.

The storms struck just hours after President Joe Biden visited the Mississippi community of Rolling Fork, where tornadoes last week destroyed parts of town.

Tornadoes also caused damage in eastern Iowa, and broke windows on cars and buildings northeast of Peoria, Illinois.

It could take days to determine the exact number of tornadoes, said Bill Bunting, chief of forecast operations at the Storm Prediction Center. There were also hundreds of reports of large hail and damaging winds, he said.

"That's a quite active day," he said. "But that's not unprecedented."

Hundreds of thousands lost power because of the sprawling storm system that also brought wildfires to the southern Plains and blizzard conditions to the Upper Midwest, and left in its wake high winds. A threat of tornadoes and hail remained for the Northeast, including Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and New York.

More than 530,000 homes and businesses in the area lacked power at midday Saturday, over 200,000 of them in Ohio, according to PowerOutage.us.

Blizzard conditions whipped parts of Minnesota, the Dakotas and Wisconsin, cutting power to tens of thousands in the Twin Cities area. Parts of Interstate 29 were closed.

Nearly 100 new wildfires were reported Friday in Oklahoma, according to the state forest service, and firefighters hoped to gain ground against them Saturday. Fires were expected to remain a danger through the week.

GOP states expand gun access amid tragedies

Measures advance despite appeals for more restrictions

By Mike Baker, Serge F. Kovaleski and Glenn Thrush
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Children sign a cross Tuesday at a victims' memorial at an entry to The Covenant School in Nashville, Tenn. **JOHN AMIS/AP**

After a mass shooting at an elementary school in Texas last year prompted calls for new gun restrictions, Republican-led states around the country moved in the other direction. One of them was Tennessee, where the governor insisted that tighter firearms laws would never deter wrongdoers.

"We can't control what they do," Gov. Bill Lee said.

Tennessee lawmakers have instead moved to make firearms even more accessible, proposing bills this year to arm more teachers and allow college students to carry weapons on campus, among other measures.

Then came the attack Monday at The Covenant School in Nashville, Tennessee, where a shooter carrying multiple weapons killed six people, including three children. The same day, a federal judge signed off on a state settlement allowing people as young as 18 to carry a handgun without a permit.

Amid the ghastly cadence of multiple mass shootings that have prompted calls for more comprehensive controls on guns, Republicans in statehouses have been steadily expanding access to guns.

In Kentucky, Ohio, Nebraska, Texas and Virginia, Republicans have pushed this year to limit gun-free zones, remove background checks and roll back red-flag laws that seek to remove firearms from those who are a danger to themselves or others.

"I think it's gotten progressively worse over the years," North Carolina's Democratic governor, Roy Cooper, said in an interview. On Wednesday, the Republican-controlled Legislature in his state overrode his veto and eliminated a century-old pistol permitting system.

In 25 states, no permits are required to carry a handgun — nine more than in 2020.

"That has been the most rapid expansion of gun rights at the state level that we have seen," said Jacob Charles, an associate professor who specializes in firearms law at the Pepperdine Caruso School of Law.

Perhaps nowhere represents the shift to expand gun access more than Tennessee, a state whose politics on guns typify Red America's rapid movement rightward. In recent years, Republicans in the Tennessee Legislature — a 20-minute drive from the site of last week's mass shooting — have passed a series of measures that have weakened regulations, eliminating some permit requirements and allowing most residents to carry loaded guns in public, open or concealed, without a permit, training or special background checks.

The decisions came even after a representative of the Tennessee Sheriffs' Association rose at a legislative hearing to oppose the permitting measure, saying it would make knowing whether a person was unlawfully carrying a weapon more difficult for law enforcement.

Jerry Sexton, then a Republican state representative, accused him of wanting "to infringe upon the rights of us as a people."

"I am offended by the fact that you are doing this," Sexton said. "I say that you need to back off and let citizens be citizens."

The National Rifle Association remains a potent force on the right despite a recent drop in fundraising, amid questions about the lavish spending habits of its senior leadership in the Beltway. And the gun rights movement itself has become both more diffuse and influential, with local groups — including the Gun Owners of America and the conservative Dorr brothers network in the Midwest — gaining a following, and pressuring Republican state lawmakers from the right.

In the Nashville killing, the parents of the shooter had reported that their child was under doctors' care and "should not own weapons," said Chief John Drake of the Nashville Metro Police Department. The shooter had purchased seven firearms from five local gun stores and then used three of them during the attack.

The Republican initiatives have not been limited to statehouses. In Congress, the same day as the Tennessee shooting, the House Judiciary Committee chair, Rep. Jim Jordan, R-Ohio, postponed a hearing during which he planned to make the case for a Republican bill to outlaw one of the modest regulatory efforts undertaken by the Biden administration, a requirement to register so-called stabilizing braces that allow semi-automatic pistols to be propped against the shoulder for easier, more focused firing.

Images of the weapons used in the Nashville shooting appeared to show that the killer owned such a brace and might have used it in the attack, according to law enforcement officials. It would not have been illegal to possess one — owners of the braces have until the end of May to register their weapons and pay a $200 fee to comply with the change.

Lee vowed to "act to prevent this from happening again" in Tennessee but did not offer any specifics on how he planned to do so. A key committee in the state General Assembly decided to postpone the consideration of any bills relating to guns until this week, with state Sen. Todd Gardenhire, a Chattanooga Republican, saying, "We need to be respectful of those victims and the families of the victims."

Researchers examining the impact of mass shootings on gun policy found a few years ago that states with Republican-controlled legislatures were more likely to loosen gun laws in the year after a mass shooting in their state than in other years.

States led by Democrats have long been pursuing more stringent gun control measures.

In Connecticut after the school shooting in Newtown in 2012, state lawmakers expanded an assault weapons ban, banned high-capacity magazines and implemented universal background checks. Oregon voters last year approved a sweeping gun control measure that requires gun purchasers to get a permit and take a gun safety course, which is currently being challenged in court.

Other measures under consideration this year include efforts in Minnesota to make it easier to take guns from people deemed to be a threat, a plan in Oregon to ban untraceable guns that are assembled at home and a bill in Michigan to penalize those who leave guns in places accessible to children.

State Rep. Bo Mitchell, a Democrat from Nashville, has been outspoken about his opposition to various bills currently under review in the Tennessee Legislature that would expand access to firearms, hoping instead that lawmakers might respond to the recent mass shootings with measures such as expanded background checks and a ban on assault rifles. The state, he noted, has dealt with a series of mass shootings and soaring gun deaths among youths.

"If guns made us safer, Tennessee should be one of the safest states in the country," he said. "Instead, we have one of the worst gun violence problems in America."

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In 2008, New York City bought 20 self-cleaning toilets that cost 25 cents per use. Above, a public pay toilet at Madison Square Park. **RUTH FRESMON/THE NEW YORK TIMES 2008**

Why public bathrooms are so hard to find

Some cities in the US, elsewhere have made strides, but many are still flush with envy

By Jen A. Miller
The New York Times

The United States — and much of the world — has a public bathroom problem.

On average, the United States has only eight public toilets per 100,000 people, according to the Public Toilet Index, a 2021 report by the British company QS Bathrooms Supplies. That's far behind Iceland, the country with the highest density of public bathrooms: 56 per 100,000 people. Madison, Wisconsin, led the way for U.S. cities, with 35 per 100,000.

It wasn't always this way.

In the 18th century, before indoor plumbing, bathrooms were common and generally communal, said Debbie Miller, a museum curator at Independence National Historical Park. In Philadelphia, one such octagonal outdoor toilet was located in a public garden behind what's now known as Independence Hall.

"You could have shared the privy with George Washington," she said.

The acceptance of public and shared bathrooms shifted during the Victorian era, Miller said, when bodily functions became more taboo.

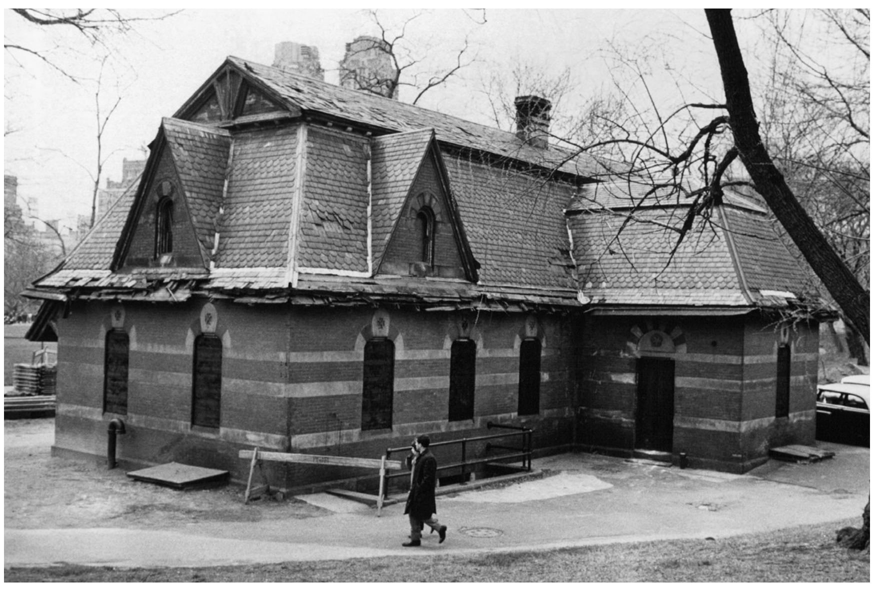
The temperance movement to limit alcohol consumption led cities to build public restrooms in the late 1800s and early 1900s: The thinking went that men wouldn't need to enter a bar to use the bathroom. In the 1930s, investment through the Works Progress Administration and Civil Works Administration added more than 2 million latrines in parks, on public lands and in rural areas, as well as "comfort stations" in cities.

What Europe is doing

But as city budgets dried up in the 1970s, so did resources for maintenance. Movements arose to end the practice of paid toilets, which was seen as both sexist (urinals were often free to use but stalls were not) and classist. Cities responded by removing public toilets altogether.

Bathrooms are "challenging spaces because they end up being, not infrequently, the places where people get needs met that they can't meet anywhere else," such as sex work, drug use or sleeping, said Lezlie Lowe, the author of "No Place to Go: How Public Toilets Fail Our Private Needs." "All of these are social concerns that have nothing to do with bathrooms, but because of the nature of those spaces, bathrooms end up being used for people to meet their needs, whether it's dependency or desperation."

As public restrooms closed, establishments such as coffee shops, museums, libraries and department stores had to become gatekeepers of restroom access.



A comfort station in Manhattan's Central Park in 1965. On average, the U.S. has only eight public toilets per 100,000 people. **THE NEW YORK TIMES**

"We're faced with an issue where the demand for public restrooms far exceeds the supply," said Steven Soifer, the president of the American Restroom Association, a group that advocates for better public restrooms. "This gets into, who is responsible for providing public bathrooms?"

There have been various approaches to answering that question.

Some European cities have tried public-private partnerships, said Katherine Webber, an Australian social planning researcher who traveled the world in 2018 to study toilets with a grant from the Churchill Fellowship. She said the strongest programs involved local governments playing a role in determining best toilet locations. "A city or a place is going to be doing it better if they're considering the different needs of both the residents and tourists."

In 2022, Berlin completed a public toilet expansion that increased the number of public restrooms to 418 from 256. The city looked at their existing toilets and identified where the gaps were — then partnered with Wall GmbH, a street furniture company that also builds structures such as bus shelters and newsstands.

The same year, London introduced the Community Toilet Scheme, where shops and restaurants could list their toilets as open to the public on the City of London's website in exchange for a small fee. Business owners believed that window signs advertising restrooms would bring in customers.

Each of these approaches has drawbacks, though: The Berlin toilets cost 50 cents per use, and the London Community Toilet Scheme is only useful during the open hours of the businesses opting in.

Some cities have adopted French "pissoirs" — essentially completely or semiprivate public urinals, which have been around since the early 19th century.

In 2011, Victoria, British Columbia, installed urinals that doubled as street art, called Kros urinals, which have four spots per unit and can also be moved to special events or bars.

But like the classic pissoir, they are typically only usable by people without disabilities and those who can easily use the bathroom while standing. "They're solving a tiny problem for people who already have pretty good access," Lowe said.

Clean toilets in Asia

Asian countries have taken a different approach, in part because of different cultural norms. Whereas Americans might approach public restrooms with trepidation because of past experiences with dirty or broken facilities, in China, Japan and Singapore, they expect their bathrooms to be clean, said Jack Sim, the founder of the World Toilet Organization.

Between 2015 and 2017, more than 68,000 toilets were built in China in what became known as the "Toilet Revolution," with a directive from the government to keep toilets clean.

Tokyo turned its toilet program into public art.

The Nippon Foundation sponsored the redesign of 17 toilets in the Shibuya ward, with striking designs, including a white hemisphere and glass walls that turn from clear to opaque when the bathroom door is locked. They will be cleaned and maintained through partnerships with the Nippon Foundation, the Shibuya City government and the Shibuya City Tourism Association.

In the U.S., some cities have had more success than others.

In 2008, New York City bought 20 self-cleaning toilets that cost 25 cents per use.

But installing them stalled as the Department of Transportation works to find the right places for them, which have to meet an extensive list of requirements. Five are in operation, and the department is taking location suggestions for the remaining toilets — possibly a recipe for NIMBY ("not in my backyard") complaints.

San Francisco started the Pit Stop program in 2014, after hearing from children in the Tenderloin district that they were stepping around feces on their way to school, said Rachel Gordon, the director of policy and communications for San Francisco Public Works.

They started with three bathrooms and today have 33, with hours varying by location. (The amount expanded to 60 locations when homeless shelters closed during the pandemic, Gordon said, but the temporary stalls have since been removed.) Each has running water, soap, needle disposal boxes and dog waste receptacles as well as one or two attendants working.

According to a study conducted by the University of California, Berkeley, feces reports declined by 12.47 a week in the Tenderloin district during the six months after the first Pit Stops opened.

The public restrooms in Portland, Oregon, are available around the clock. The Portland Loo is a gender-neutral, wheelchair-accessible, single-stall bathroom that costs $100,000 per unit.

The city created the concept in 2008 with a goal of building a simple structure that couldn't be vandalized. Each bathroom is connected to the sewer system and has running water and electricity (provided by solar panels in some). The units are lit in blue, which makes it difficult to find veins and thus discourages drug use, said Evan Madden, the sales manager at Portland Loo.

The toilets are ventilated to control smell and overheating; the vents also provide just enough privacy for the restroom's purpose, but not enough for sleeping or sex work. It's "intended to be uncomfortable for the occupant," Madden said.

Questions in the US

In 2013, after Portland turned the sales and manufacturing operation over to Madden Fabrication, 180 units have been installed across North America.

Vancouver, Washington, installed three Portland Loos at a 7,000-acre waterfront park in 2018 — a response to typical problems: The city's public bathrooms "have really taken a beating, and our police can't monitor what activities are going on in them," said Terry Snyder, the landscape architect for Vancouver's Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services.

The Portland Loos have worked well enough that Snyder said the city would be installing three more this summer at the Esther Short Park, replacing a 22-year-old brick bathroom building.

Philadelphia is also planning to install six Portland Loos in the next five years, with the first opening in Center City sometime this year.

Soifer of the American Restroom Association believes that the issue in the U.S. should be addressed on a national level rather than having a patchwork of individual solutions. His group has had multiple meetings with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services hoping it would step in to handle public restrooms — much like the Occupational Safety and Health Administration is responsible for toilets in the workplace — but to no avail.

"Given that this really is a public health issue, someone has to take responsibility," he said, "and no one is."

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Is technology ruining your ability to finish what you start?

By Stephanie Vozza
Fast Company

Whether it's writing a book or training for a marathon, we all have things we start and don't finish. You could blame willpower, but the culprit may be that our brains have been reprogrammed by technology. In their new book, "Swipe: The Science Behind Why We Don't Finish What We Start," coauthors Tracy Maylett and Tim Vandehey explore how human behavior has changed thanks to our newfound impulse to "swipe."

"We are so engaged now with our devices; they're practically part of who we have become," Maylett says. "We're accustomed to programs that do what we call 'reality switching' in a very short time instantaneously and unconsciously."

For example, if you're playing a game, reading an article or watching a video on your smartphone, and you become uncomfortable or no longer like what you're experiencing, you can switch your reality to something else with a flick of a finger. That split-second impulse has begun to invade how we process the real world — but tech doesn't deserve all the blame.

"The ease of switching realities is because we have such an abundance of choices and ways to change our reality," Maylett says. "Rather than stick things out, it's much easier to impulsively say, 'I don't like this in the moment, and I'm done.' "

The swipe impulse can bring some consequences. "[Nobel Prize-winning scientist] Daniel Kahneman talks about two systems in our brain, with one that focuses on quick reactions," Maylett says. "It's what ignites the fight-or-flight response. It's designed specifically to get us out of danger and move us on very quickly until the other system can make a more informed response."

The problem is that a quick reaction may be flawed. It's not a conscious decision; it's a reaction.

"One of the disadvantages of swiping is that it's made with the wrong part of our brains and it's not a thought-out decision," Maylett says. "We need the ability to stop and say, 'Rather than swiping away from this discomfort, let me focus on making a very conscious decision.' "

Achieving goals often involves practice and patience. "When we swipe, we never reach that point of mastery," Maylett says. "We become 'masters of swipe' rather than masters [of] what we set out to do."

Since the urge to swipe has become hardwired into us, the authors say the first step to controlling it is understanding that it exists. The next step is to look at the underlying factors that are fueling the urge. Triggers can be disillusionment, discouragement, faulty expectations and boredom.

"What are the patterns that we follow when we do this?" Vandehey asks. "One of the tricks for me when I reach the point where I get frustrated and will possibly stop is having a plan. It's knowing how I will work through the discouragement, embarrassment, boredom or lack of results."

For example, you may need to change your timeline, take a break or take steps that will prevent you from allowing a moment of panic and discomfort to derail your plan.

It's important to note that tapping out is different than swiping.

"If you're in a toxic situation, such as a toxic work environment or relationship, or when something is just not right for you, it's wonderful to move on," Maylett says. "Tapping out is a conscious choice based on the sense of one's welfare. Unlike the swipe, it doesn't generally lead to regret. The person who taps out from something usually does so for a good reason."

To understand if you're swiping or tapping out, the authors suggest looking for a time gap that will allow you to give more thought to your decision. "Unfortunately, we've been conditioned not to allow that time delay," Maylett says. "We don't want to have to wait for something to happen."

Swiping is a universal experience, the authors say. By resisting the urge and giving yourself the gift of time, you are more apt to finish what you start and avoid the risk of future regret.

'Buyer beware'

How to decode a job posting to find potential red flags

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By Stephanie Vozza | Fast Company

From sending an application to the interview process, searching for a new job takes time. Unfortunately, job ads can be misleading. Before you waste your time, it's possible to glean some insights from the wording of the job post, says Neil Costa, founder and CEO of HireClix, a creative recruitment marketing agency.

"With the economy turning a little bit, it's a little more 'buyer beware,' " he says. "Jobs are slightly more scarce than they used to be just a few months ago. There are red flags on the job-seeker side to watch out for if you're applying for jobs."

As you read the ads, look for these five types of posts that could indicate potential problems later on.

The 'copy and paste' ad

The biggest red flag is what Costa calls the "Frankenstein job posting." This is a post that is missing the rest of a sentence or has a job skill listed as a requirement doesn't seem to fit.

"Some organizations that are doing a lot of recruiting will take a job description they've written before and just copy and paste it," he says. "It happens a lot because recruiters may be stressed out or stretched too thin."

Frankenstein posts tell job seekers that the hiring team may not be taking a thoughtful approach to bringing talent on board. It can also be an early indicator of not having enough resources.

"Things have changed in the workforce, and everybody's trying to create a better candidate and employee experience," Costa says. "If someone doesn't have the idea of curating that experience, then maybe they're just not a good place to work. Retention starts with the first touch."

The 'too good to be true' post

High starting salaries and sign-on bonuses can be exciting, especially if you are looking for an entry-level position. But if the numbers don't match standard rates, Costa says it's a red flag.

"The 'too good to be true' job description happens quite a bit and is often an indicator of a high-turnover type job," he says. "Sometimes, you'll discover the high rate is commission only. Maybe there is an opportunity there, but the company is trying to get in as many interested applicants as possible."

Costa suggests that job seekers look at other resources for confirmation, such as reading Glassdoor reviews.

"Verify whether it's a good opportunity or whether it's a high-turnover environment," he says.

The 'vague about flexibility' ad

Whether it's a fully remote position or hybrid arrangement, today's job seeker usually knows what they want when it comes to flexibility. However, a lot of today's companies are wanting to get people back in the office. Costa says it's important that job seekers look for the flexibility they need in the job ad. If it's missing, it could be a sign that the company isn't offering it.

"If it's not in the job description and you have certain expectations, make them explicit in the interview process or an email exchange with the recruiting team," Costa says.

Even if companies say they offer flexible work from home, Costa says job seekers should ask for clarification so expectations match. "That policy might be undefined," he says. "There's an opportunity for a job seeker to say, 'Is this policy new? Is it finalized? Do you think it will change?' You don't want to take something that says 100% remote possibility and then be told they want people in the office, even three days a week. That's a big lifestyle change."

The 'strictly business' post

A lot of companies jump right into the skills and requirements they want from a candidate without sharing information about what they have to offer an employee. Costa says this can be a red flag.

"In the past, people looked at companies and big brands and said, 'Well, it must be a great place to work,' " he says. "There's a little bit more skepticism on the job-seeker side today."

Today's employees want to see the human side of companies. "What are their social missions? What are their diversity programs? Some of that should be in a job description," Costa says. "If they see a complete absence of that in the job description, that could be a red flag."

If the job sounds interesting, Costa says you can apply, but he recommends that job seekers research the company's position on items that are important to them. For example, reviews can be found on sites like Glassdoor, Indeed and CareerBliss. Costa also recommends looking at a company's LinkedIn, Facebook and Instagram pages.

"There's a lot of content there, whether it's corporate content, news and social awareness," he says. "You can almost add a third dimension to the job description by looking at all these resources."

The 'wide salary range' ad

With several states now requiring salary transparency on job posts, companies are starting to post ranges on all posts to get ahead of legislation. While this information can be a game changer for candidates, it can also create confusion on what someone could realistically expect to make.

"Everybody's an optimistic job seeker," Costa says. "They all want to be at the high end of the range. That's where companies have some hesitation. They want to be compliant, but since they've always held the cards on salaries, it can create some expectations from applicants."

Companies can clear up this issue by adding the skills and requirements that correlate to the range. For example, an inside sales position that pays $45,000 to $70,000 could also look for people with three to five years of experience, helping set job seekers' expectations on where they may fall within the range. If the requirement information is missing, candidates should objectively consider whether their own experience would command the highest salary.

When it comes to applying to jobs, it helps to read between the lines to understand what it might be like to work for a company. Companies should also do their part by creating good posts. "Write authentic job descriptions that are realistic and match what the candidate would expect," Costa says. Otherwise, you're just feeding the turnover engine."

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Denise, adopted 17-year-old Amina

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READER QUESTIONS

Elliot Raphaelson
The Savings Game

DREAMSTIME

Q: What are the 2022 limits for Roth IRA contributions? What is the deadline if I file for an extension?
A: If you are under 50, the limit is $6,000, as long as you have earned income up to that amount and your income as a single filer is less than $144,000 ($214,000 for a joint return). If you are 50, or older, the limit is $7,000; there is no upper age limit. The deadline for filing is April 18. Filing for an extension will not affect the deadline. If you are making a 2022 contribution, tell your custodian the contribution is for a "prior year." Otherwise the contribution will count for 2023.

Q: I plan on withdrawing funds from my Roth CD and reinvesting the funds in other non-Roth investments. In my Roth account, which I have held for over 10 years, I have rolled over the CDs as they have matured. Will the amount I withdraw from the Roth CD be taxable?
A: As long as you are 59 ½ or older, there will be no income tax due. However, it is not clear to me why you are taking the money out of a Roth account unless you need the funds for spending. If you are reinvesting the proceeds, why can't you continue to keep the funds in a Roth account? Apparently, you have kept the Roth account for over five years and are not subject to taxes or penalties if you have reached 59 ½. I suggest that you keep the funds in a Roth account. Once you withdraw the funds from a Roth account and reinvest elsewhere, you lose the Roth advantage for both you and your beneficiaries.

Q: I have established a health savings account (HSA) for myself. Can I make withdrawals from my account for health expenses for my wife?
A: No. You can only make tax-free withdrawals from your HSA for your health care expenses, not for other family members. If your healthcare expenses for other family members are significant, you should determine if the additional insurance premium justifies a "family" HSA. You can switch to a family account next year if you determine the additional premium cost is justifiable because of the expected health care costs associated with other family members.

Q: I currently have an HSA. I plan on enrolling in Medicare within the next year. When should I stop contributing funds to my account?
A: You should stop your contributions at least six months prior to enrolling in Medicare. Otherwise, you will be subject to penalties.

Q: I have to make a pension decision by the end of May. I am 69 ½ and in good health. Following are the two choices.
1. Pension is $3,150/month with 3% annual increase compounded annually. My wife will receive 50% after my death.
2. Pension is $3,150/month with 1.5% annual increase not compounded annually; $50,000 lump-sum at retirement. My wife will not be receiving any independent pension and will need the pension income if I pre-decease her. My wife is my age. Which option would you recommend? Investment options?
A: The life expectancy for a 70-year-old is 87, and given your good health, you could live into your 90s. Even so, it is important for you to make a decision that will protect your wife if you predecease her within the next 10 years.

For these reasons, I recommend that you take option 2 and consider taking out a 10-year term life insurance policy (perhaps for about $100,000). Since you are in good health, the premium for a 10-year term policy will not be prohibitive.

I also recommend that when you retire, you invest the lump sum of $50,000 conservatively, for example in a money market fund or in Treasury bills. You can expect a return of over 4% now. I also recommend that you consider using a two-year CD ladder investment from the money-market fund. By using the ladder approach, if interest rates rise, you can obtain higher returns when you renew every two years.

Elliot Raphaelson welcomes your questions and comments at raphelliot@gmail.com.

Terry Savage
The Savage Truth

What interest rate hikes mean for your finances

The Federal Reserve's latest rate hike is the ninth increase in the last 12 months — for a total of 475 basis points. The current Fed Funds target rate is 4.75% to 5%; a year ago it was less than 1%.

As a result, Americans have received a very public lesson in interest rate risk and its impact on the banking system. But now it's getting personal. The next impact will be on your own family budget.

Silicon Valley Bank and others bought safe 10-year government securities at low rates two years ago, planning to hold them to maturity. Then interest rates rose. And when depositors wanted their money back immediately, banks had to sell those bonds at a loss.

It's a lesson that conservative investors learned in 2022, when their 60/40 portfolios lost money in both stocks and bonds. Bond holdings are supposed to cushion stock market declines.

But when interest rates rise, bond prices fall. No one will give you $1,000 for your old 2% 10-year government bond when they could currently buy the same quality bond paying 4%. The market price of your old bond drops sharply — if you're forced to sell, instead of waiting for maturity.

For consumers, the most immediate impact of Fed rate hikes has been the cost of mortgages. A year ago, 30-year fixed-rate mortgages carried an interest rate of just over 3%. Amid Fed increases, mortgage rates soared to over 7% — slowing home sales and impacting prices. In fact, in February, the median home price dropped for the first time in 10 years!

As I write, the national average rate on a 30-year loan is 6.85%, reports Bankrate.com. Higher mortgage rates slowed home sales dramatically in recent months. People with low-rate mortgages are staying put.

But one group of current homeowners is facing a shock in monthly payments. They took on adjustable-rate mortgage loans last year, lured by lower starter rates. Adjustable rates soared at mid-year 2022 and now, even with annual or quarterly caps on increases, monthly payments on these loans are starting to rise significantly.

Perhaps the most dangerous example of interest rate impact is credit card balances and monthly bills. The average interest rate on credit cards is now 20.38%, according to CreditCards.com. And with Experian reporting the national average card balance at $5,221, the interest cost is soaring.

According to credit card expert Bill Hardekopf, since almost every card issuer charges a variable rate, the impact of even a quarter-point Fed hike is felt in 60 days. For those making only minimum monthly payments, the long-run cost is significant.

Says Hardekopf: "Assuming that average balance of $5,221, at the current interest rate of 20.35%, someone paying the typical 3% minimum balance payment would take 11 years and 6 months to pay off the entire balance. They would make interest payments of $5,532 for a total payment (interest plus balance) of $10,753.

"A year ago, when the average rate was 15.6%, someone paying just the minimum balance would take 9 years and 3 months to pay off the balance. They would make interest payments of $3,285 for a total payment (interest plus balance) of $8,506.

"So these interest rate hikes would cost someone carrying an average balance an extra $2,247 in interest payments, and take an extra 2 years and 3 months to pay off the balance."

The lesson is that these quarter-point increases being passed along to variable-rate borrowers will do big damage to personal balance sheets. It's not just the financial system feeling the impact of the Fed's fight against inflation.

If you are in credit card debt, your best choice is to find a temporary second job and put all those extra paychecks toward paying it down. Or get trusted help from an agency of the National Foundation for Credit Counseling by calling 800-388-2227.

Personal loans, though with lower rates, don't really solve the problem. And debt consolidation set-asides ruin your credit and can lead to wage garnishment.

Now is the time to deal with your debt. If you have credit card balances, you're no longer treading water by making minimum monthly payments. You're drowning. And that's The Savage Truth.

Marriage, divorce and taxes

By Sandra Block
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Marriage and divorce can affect your taxes. If you experienced either of those in 2022, here's how to minimize their federal tax bite.

Marriage

Following a pandemic pause, more than 2 million couples got married in 2022.

If you're among the newly hitched, filing your first tax return as a married couple is a cold reminder that the honeymoon is over.

The first decision you'll need to make is which filing status to use. For the majority of couples, filing jointly will deliver the lowest tax bill. Many tax breaks are unavailable to couples who choose married filing separately, including money-saving credits to offset the cost of raising children and sending them to college.

Thresholds for certain deductions are higher for couples who file jointly, which means you can earn more and still qualify for tax breaks. Joint filers also qualify for a much larger standard deduction — $25,900 in 2022, compared with $12,950 for couples who file separately.

There are a handful of circumstances in which filing separately will result in a lower tax bill. If one spouse had a serious medical condition that resulted in large out-of-pocket expenses, filing separately could enable that spouse to deduct those expenses. You can only deduct medical expenses that exceed 7.5% of your adjusted gross income, so you'll have a better shot at reaching that threshold if the spouse who incurred the expenses files separately.

Filing separately could also pay off if there's a large disparity between your income and your spouse's income. By filing separately, the lower-earning spouse could qualify for tax breaks that are only available to taxpayers in lower tax brackets.

Finally, you should consider filing separately if your spouse has unpaid child support, owes back taxes or has defaulted on federal student loans. By filing separately, your refund won't be reduced by those liabilities.

If you and your spouse are both high earners, you could find yourself hit with the marriage penalty, which occurs when a couple filing a joint return pays a higher tax than they would pay if they remained single. The 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act eliminated the penalty for most couples (and expanded the potential for marriage bonuses), although some couples in the top tax brackets may still pay the penalty.

Divorced or widowed

If divorced, your filing status is based on the year in which your divorce became final. If you were divorced as of Dec. 31, 2022, your filing status is single or head of household.

If you and your spouse have split but didn't finalize the divorce by the end of the year, you have the option of filing a joint return or married filing separately — whichever delivers the lowest tax bill.

The rules are different for taxpayers who lost a spouse. In that case, you can file jointly for the year your spouse died as long as you didn't remarry. This can often result in a larger refund or lower tax bill because you can claim the full standard deduction available for married couples, along with potentially lower tax rates for a joint return.

Ways to prepare your business team to tackle any market change

SOURCE: Martin Zwilling, Inc.

To survive and thrive in business today, you need every team member engaged and working together. Recent studies and surveys continue to show that team member engagement is at an all-time low. Here are several practices and strategies to provide a step in the right direction:

Facilitate coaching and mentoring, inside and outside
Every team member needs stimulation to broaden their horizons, correct weaknesses, and understand competitive strategies. This means sending them to industry conferences, supporting professional organizations, as well as allocating time and roles for internal mentoring and coaching. Remember mentorship and coaching are advanced forms of leadership, and develop strong bonds among team members. This is a win-win for the business.

Provide frequent peer recognition for individual initiatives
Many studies have shown that hidden bonuses and infrequent large rewards have less impact on team performance than frequent public recognition from small wins, including saving a key customer, leading a social media campaign that benefits the business, and public speaking events. We all know that recognition starts with a simple 'thank you' or 'well done' from one team member to another on the same team, from a member of another team, or from an executive or recognized leader. These cost very little and have large returns for all.

Highlight career advancement opportunities and examples
Team members who see peers rewarded by career advancement and extra visibility from team initiatives, rather than just given more work, will be incented to enlist the whole team in their own innovative efforts. Encourage rotation of high-potential team players around the business. Successful companies work hard at identifying high-potential team members, and give them frequent growth assignments to new projects or staff assignments to top executives. The result is high engagement and reduced loss of talent to the competition.

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INVESTING

Choosing between look-alike ETFs and mutual funds

By Nellie S. Huang
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When faced with a choice between buying shares in an exchange-traded fund and buying shares in a mutual fund that follows a similar strategy, which is the better option for you?

"The choice isn't always black and white," says Charles Rotblut of AAII, which helps individual investors. The answer may depend on several factors, including how you typically trade investments and in what type of account you plan to hold the asset.

ETFs and mutual funds have much in common. Both are easy to trade and offer diversified exposure to a swath of the market in one go. They both pool assets from shareholders and invest in diversified baskets of stocks, bonds or other assets. There are actively managed and index-based strategies in both ETF and mutual fund structures.

But there are key differences, too. When you buy or sell mutual fund shares, trades are executed once a day, after the market closes. You may pay a transaction fee to buy shares in a mutual fund. But you can buy or sell ETFs throughout the trading day just as you would a stock, and they trade commission-free at most brokerage firms. ETF share prices fluctuate throughout the day, and there is a bid-ask spread — the difference between the highest price a buyer is willing to pay for an asset and the lowest price that a seller is willing to accept. What's more, an ETF's share price may deviate from its net asset value — the actual value per share of its underlying holdings — during the trading day.

But it doesn't have to be an either-or decision. "ETFs are better in most situations because they are more tax efficient and generally less costly — there are no transaction fees," says Thomas Stapp, a certified financial planner in Olympia, Washington. But he invests in mutual funds, too, particularly when he finds a strategy that is "notably better than any ETF option" or when a strategy isn't available in an ETF.

Consider the investing scenarios below to see which fund structure works best in certain circumstances.

You want to make regular, automated investments. A mutual fund works better if you want to set up regular contributions to a brokerage account, says Molly Concannon, head of equity products at Vanguard. You can't get that service with ETFs, she says. "It's limited to mutual funds."

You have less than $1,000 to invest. Outside of a retirement plan — you're investing on your own at a brokerage firm, say — you're better off with an ETF if you only have small sums to invest. That's because the minimum investment for most retail mutual funds is more than $1,000, but you can buy ETFs for as little as the price of one share.

You're investing in a taxable account, and you're tax wary. Go with an ETF. Tax efficiency has long been a draw for investors to ETFs. It has to do with the way that ETFs are structured compared with mutual funds.

You're investing in a tax-deferred account. Opt for whichever is cheaper in annual expense ratio, plus any transaction fees.

You're an active trader. ETFs are nimbler than mutual funds because they trade intraday. Mutual fund trades settle once a day, after the market closes.

Get your spending under control

By Janet Bodnar
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Maybe it's a New Year's resolution, high inflation or some other trigger that has made you determined to get your spending under control.

Whatever the motivator, here are some tips on getting on top of your spending and building a savings stash.

Know your money personality. Figure out where you fit in among three basic categories: people who like to hang on to money, people who like to spend it and people who don't want anything to do with it. These personalities are typical of everyone, regardless of income or age. And if you know how you relate to money, you can make the most of your strengths and learn to overcome your weaknesses. Remember, money itself is neither good nor bad. It's a tool you can use to build financial success and security.

Write down where your money comes from and where it goes. Even if you think you know this in your head, writing it down with pencil and paper, on a computer screen or in your cell phone notes makes it more concrete and helps you spot hidden surprises. It's like making a to-do list: If you write it down, it's more likely to get done, and you can check it off.

Record your expenses for a month or two. That should be enough to identify the things you have to pay for, such as rent and groceries, and the fun things you'd like to buy, such as clothing and travel. You don't have to track every nickel. You could make a guess as to what you're spending and then compare it with your bills, receipts and credit and debit card statements to see what's out of whack.

Come up with a spending plan that suits you. Once you know where your money is coming from and where it's going, you can develop a plan for getting on top of it. Think of this as a way to control small expenses now so that you can buy bigger stuff — and have more fun — in the future.

Spending plans are personal; what works for your friends won't necessarily work for you.

One example of a simple, low-tech strategy that many people still swear by is the envelope system. Once you know your weekly or monthly expenses, stash the money for each category into its own envelope. And include an envelope for savings.

This is a powerful tool because you can actually see where the money is going and how much is going there. If you're spending a lot in one category, you can cut back on that expense and put the money into another envelope that comes up short — or into savings.

If you prefer to go digital, use online budgeting tools or apps such as www.youneedabudget.com.

Enlist a budget buddy. Share your goals, and if you're tempted to fall off the wagon, ask your friend to help you stay on track.

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Vigilance is best defense against junk fees

Young people have been especially vulnerable to illegal fees in student and auto loans, payday lending and myriad other financial transactions, but the tide is turning.

The Consumer Federal Protection Bureau recently launched a sweeping crackdown aimed at preventing financial services companies from socking customers with high fees in bank deposits, auto loans, mortgages, payday lending and student loans.

For good reason, these charges are commonly called "junk fees" because they show up in everything from credit card late fees, hotel resort fees, airline seat selection fees, concert ticket fees and much more.

The violations included late fees and interest charged by student loan servicing companies, excessive charges for bank overdrafts and insufficient funds, and vehicles that were illegally repossessed despite payment agreements with customers, according to the March 8 report from the federal consumer watchdog agency.

"These unlawful fees corrode family finances, force up families' banking and borrowing costs, and are not easily avoided, even by financially savvy consumers," Rohit Chopra, director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau said in a statement.

Among the violations:

- Student loan servicing companies charged late fees and interest after payments were made on time, the agency said. In many instances, loan servicers did not allow borrowers to pay with a credit card.

However, some customer representatives mistakenly accepted credit card payments. The servicer then canceled these payments and did not allow the borrower the chance to pay again. Instead, the servicers "acted as if no payment had been made and charged the borrower late fees and additional interest," the report said.

- Auto lenders charged late fees that exceeded the amounts allowed in borrowers' contracts. Some servicers also charged late fees to consumers whose cars had already been repossessed.

Some lenders charged "inflated" vehicle repossession fees of $1,000 — well above the average repossession charge of $350," the watchdog agency said.

How can young consumers, especially those unfamiliar with the banking system, steer clear of punitive charges and fees?

"Vigilance is probably our best defense," said Ted Rossman, a bank analyst with Bankrate.com. Easier said than done, he said, because sometimes mistakes happen, making it hard to avoid penalties.

Rossman's advice: Shop around for the best deal on a credit card, especially if there are different service fees. Review your bank statements for any evidence of suspicious charges. That last piece of advice spills over to all your bills.

Don't hesitate to ask for a fee to be waived. The worst the lender can say is "no," but they might cut you a break.

Finally, if you think you've been targeted with junk fees on financial products, contact the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau at 855-411-2372, or go to the agency's website at www.consumerfinance.gov.

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DREAMSTIME

What you need to know about the 1099-K form

By Kelley R. Taylor
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Q: I've received payment for some of my work through a mobile payment service. I've heard I might need a 1099-K to report this income on my tax return. What is a 1099 and where do I get it?

A: An IRS 1099-K form is an IRS information reporting form.

Payment networks and other providers use the form to report certain transactions from payment cards and through various payment networks.

Third-party payment networks can include a range of providers that you're likely familiar with like Venmo, PayPal, Stripe and CashApp.

And if you sell on Etsy, eBay, Depop or other similar sites, you probably process payments through third-party networks as well.

There is a reporting threshold that triggers a 1099-K.

For your 2022 tax return, that threshold is $20,000 and 200 transactions. That means that if you received $20,000 or more in payment for goods and services through a payment network and had more than 200 payment transactions during 2022, you should have received a 1099-K form from your payment network.

However, the 1099-K is supposed to report transactions for goods and services. Personal transactions, such as sending money to friends or family not in exchange for goods or services, should not be reported on the 1099-K form.

Now that we're into 2023, a new, lower threshold applies to trigger a 1099-K.

If, during 2023, you receive more than $600 for goods and services through a payment network — even if you only have a single transaction of that amount — you should receive a 1099-K in early 2024.

You would have to report that income on your 2023 federal income tax return.

This new, much lower threshold for the 1099-K has caused a lot of confusion and means that a lot more people who have never received 1099-Ks in the past could receive one in the future.

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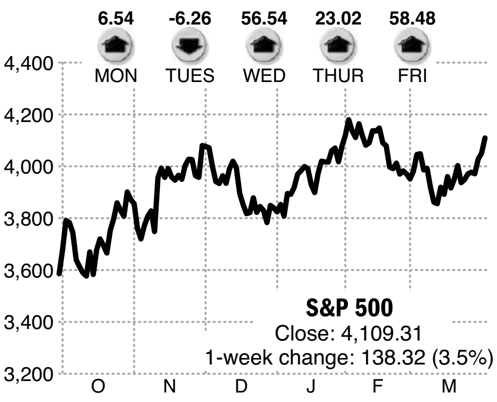

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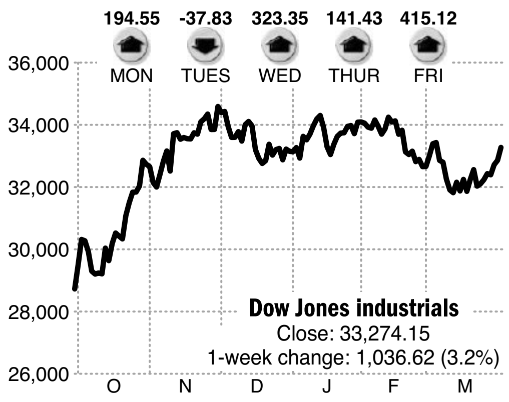
1-week change: 138.32 (3.5%)



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Close: 33,274.15
1-week change: 1,036.62 (3.2%)

WEEKLY PERFORMANCE

52-WEEK HIGH	52-WEEK LOW	INDEX	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	YTD %CHG	1YR %CHG
35492.22	28660.94	Dow Jones industrials	33291.00	32276.72	33274.15	+1036.62	+3.2	+0.4	-4.4
16728.57	11946.21	Dow Jones trans.	14445.85	13742.81	14438.66	+732.07	+5.3	+7.8	-6.9
1077.08	823.64	Dow Jones utilities	939.86	909.84	939.79	+29.12	+3.2	-2.9	-11.1
17034.91	13278.56	NYSE Comp.	15377.02	14758.57	15374.91	+616.34	+4.2	+1.3	-8.4
6748.26	4952.56	NYSE International	6195.99	5914.80	6194.73	+279.93	+4.7	+6.6	-6.8
15265.42	10440.64	Nasdaq 100	13188.83	12517.87	13181.35	+414.30	+3.3	+20.5	-11.3
14646.90	10088.83	Nasdaq Comp.	12227.93	11635.03	12221.91	+397.95	+3.4	+16.8	-14.3
4637.30	3491.58	S&P 500	4110.75	3951.53	4109.31	+138.32	+3.5	+7.0	-9.6
2780.91	2185.93	S&P MidCap	2513.02	2404.16	2512.16	+108.00	+4.5	+3.4	-7.3
46793.61	34917.15	Wilshire 5000	40719.18	39124.13	40708.41	+1449.06	+3.7	+6.9	-11.1
2138.45	1641.47	Russell 2000	1802.70	1742.06	1802.48	+67.56	+3.9	+2.3	-13.8
465.52	377.77	Dow Jones Stoxx 600	457.84	444.58	457.84	+17.73	+4.0	+7.7	-0.1
8047.06	6707.62	FTSE 100	7654.41	7405.45	7631.74	+226.29	+3.1	+2.4	+1.2

Gold	↘	**-13.10**	$1,969.00
Silver	↗	**+.83**	$24.08
Crude Oil	↗	**+6.41**	$75.67
Natural Gas	↦	**...**	$2.22
10-year T-note	↗	**+.11**	3.48%
Euro	↘	**-.0082**	to .9211/$1
Yen	↗	**+1.96**	to 132.70/$1

Most active

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
Bank of America	28.60	+1.46
Fst Republic Bank	13.99	+1.63
Carnival Corp	10.15	+.92
Ford Motor	12.60	+1.09
Silvergate capital	1.62	-.10
AMC Entertainment A	5.01	+.54
Schwab Corp	52.38	-.88
Snap Inc A	11.21	-.35
AT&T Inc	19.25	+.64
Yamana Gold Inc	5.85	-.02
Oscar Health Inc	6.54	+3.18
Wells Fargo & Co	37.38	+1.15
Square Inc	68.65	+7.97

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
Mullen Automotive	.13	+.02
Tesla Inc	207.46	+17.05
Exela Technologies	.04	...
Bed Bath &Beynd	.43	-.39
Faraday Fut Intllgnt	.35	-.02
Intel Corp	32.67	+3.31
Adv Micro Dev	98.01	+.06
Apple Inc	164.90	+4.65
Amazon.com Inc	103.29	+5.16
Nvidia Corporation	277.77	+9.98
Pyxis Oncology Inc	4.01	+1.80
Virgin Orbit Hldgs	.20	-.60
Alphabet Inc A	103.73	-1.71

EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS

STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
Direx SOX Bear 3X	16.28	-1.92
Direx Biotech Bull	4.91	+.34
Direx SOX Bull 3X	18.30	+1.73
iShares Brazil	27.38	+1.71
iShs China Large Cap	29.53	+.70
iShs Emerg Mkts	39.46	+.79
iShs iBoxx HY CpBd	75.55	+1.95
iShares Rus 2000	178.40	+6.61
Invesco QQQ Trust	320.93	+10.04
ProShs UltraPro QQQ	28.26	+2.44
ProShs UltPro ShtQQQ	29.36	-2.98
SPDR S&P500 ETF Tr	409.39	+13.64
SPDR Financial	32.15	+1.16

Largest Companies

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
ASML Holding NV	680.71	+33.18
AbbVie Inc	159.37	+1.35
Accenture PLC	285.81	+13.81
Adobe Inc	385.37	+10.41
Alibaba Group Hldg	102.18	+15.28
Alphabet Inc C	104.00	-2.06
Alphabet Inc A	103.73	-1.71
Amazon.com Inc	103.29	+5.16
Apple Inc	164.90	+4.65
AstraZeneca PLC	69.41	+1.50
Bank of America	28.60	+1.46
Berkshire Hath A	465600.00	+12533.89
Berkshire Hath B	308.77	+9.85
Broadcom Inc	641.54	+5.37
Chevron Corp	163.16	+7.10
Cisco Syst	52.28	+1.77
CocaCola Co	62.03	+1.13
Costco Wholesale	496.87	+1.60
Danaher Corp	252.04	+4.14
Disney	100.13	+6.05
Eli Lilly	343.42	+7.29
Exxon Mobil Corp	109.66	+6.13
Home Depot	295.12	+12.10
JPMorgan Chase	130.31	+5.40
Johnson & Johnson	155.00	+2.35
MasterCard Inc	363.41	+11.78
McDonalds Corp	279.61	+8.28
Merck & Co	106.39	+1.59
Meta Platforms Inc	211.94	+5.93
Microsoft Corp	288.30	+7.73
Novartis AG	92.00	+8.41
Novo Nordisk AS	159.14	+6.39
Nvidia Corporation	277.77	+9.98
Oracle Corp	92.92	+4.91
PepsiCo	182.30	+3.21
Pfizer Inc	40.80	+.41
Procter & Gamble	148.69	+1.97
Salesforce.com Inc	199.78	+9.72
Shell plc ADS	57.54	+2.97
T-Mobile US Inc	144.84	+2.30
Taiwan Semicon	93.02	+.23
Tesla Inc	207.46	+17.05
Thermo Fisher Sci	576.37	+18.11
Toyota Mot	141.69	+5.04
Unitedhealth Group	472.59	-3.40
Visa Inc	225.46	+4.42
WalMart Strs	147.45	+5.65

Largest mutual funds

Based on Total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG IN $	1-YR %RTN
American Century UltraInv	64.09	+2.01	-13.3
American Funds AMCpA m	33.10	+1.08	-10.5
American Funds AmrcnBalA m	29.46	+.53	-5.9
American Funds AmrcnMutA m	48.57	+1.47	-3.8
American Funds BdfAmrcA m	11.61	-.06	-5.0
American Funds CptWldGrIncA m	54.59	+1.82	-5.0
American Funds CptlIncBldrA m	63.83	+1.49	-3.5
American Funds EuroPacGrA m	53.82	+2.11	-3.6
American Funds FdmtlInvsA m	63.65	+2.12	-6.3
American Funds GrfAmrcA m	55.02	+1.99	-13.7
American Funds IncAmrcA m	22.64	+.55	-4.4
American Funds InvCAmrcA m	43.72	+1.42	-5.7
American Funds NewWldA m	70.82	+2.23	-7.3
American Funds NwPrspctvA m	52.15	+1.85	-9.1
American Funds SmCpWldA m	59.70	+2.02	-11.7
American Funds TheNewEcoA m	47.84	+1.30	-10.0
American Funds TxExBdA m	12.27	+.02	-1.2
American Funds WAMtInvsA m	52.35	+1.57	-5.6
Artisan IntlValueInstl	42.52	+1.88	+5.9
Baird AggrgateBdInstl	9.82	-.06	-4.7
Baird CorPlusBdInstl	10.09	-.05	-4.3
BlackRock StrIncOpIns	9.25	+.01	-1.5
Calamos MktNetrlIncIns	14.17	+.11	+.1
Columbia DivIncIns	28.72	+.96	-2.6
DFA EMktCorEqI	21.24	+.39	-8.3
DFA IntlCorEqIns	14.50	+.54	-2.1
DFA IntlSmCoInstl	18.51	+.62	-4.8
DFA IntlSmCpValIns	20.02	+.71	-1.3
DFA USCorEq1Instl	31.38	+1.03	-6.1
DFA USCorEqIIInstl	28.46	+.95	-5.6
DFA USLgCpValInstl	41.46	+1.46	-5.0
DFA USSmCpInstl	39.81	+1.28	-5.2
DFA USSmCpValInstl	39.11	+1.18	-3.5
DFA USTrgtedValIns	27.55	+.93	-3.6
Dodge & Cox BalI	94.61	+1.46	-4.3
Dodge & Cox IncI	12.46	-.10	-3.0
Dodge & Cox IntlStkI	45.76	+2.26	-.5
Dodge & Cox StkI	216.47	+5.78	-6.8
DoubleLine TtlRetBdI x	8.97	-.10	-5.1
Edgewood GrInstl	36.04	+1.31	-16.7
Fidelity 500IdxInsPrm	143.09	+4.84	-7.7
Fidelity BCGrowth	134.44	+4.63	-15.7
Fidelity Balanced	24.65	+.51	-7.4
Fidelity Cap&Inc	9.24	+.16	-2.7
Fidelity Contrafund	13.29	+.35	-11.3
Fidelity EmergMketsOpps	16.46	+.38	-8.4
Fidelity ExMktIdxInPr	66.68	+3.05	-14.1
Fidelity Frdm 2025	12.38	+.22	-6.5
Fidelity Frdm 2030	15.49	+.31	-6.5
Fidelity GlobalexUSIdx	13.21	+.43	-4.0
Fidelity GroCo	26.26	+.94	-13.3
Fidelity GroCo	15.85	+.58	-12.4
Fidelity IntlGr	15.79	+.56	-1.5
Fidelity IntlIdxInstlPrm	44.72	+1.69	-.2
Fidelity IntlVal	10.61	+.47	-.5
Fidelity InvmGradeBd	10.08	-.04	-4.3
Fidelity LowPrStk	46.70	+1.42	-2.5
Fidelity Magellan	11.60	+.36	-10.7
Fidelity OTCPortfolio	14.77	+.45	-11.8
Fidelity Puritan	21.63	+.46	-7.7
Fidelity TotalBond	9.54	-.01	-4.9
Fidelity TtlMktIdxInsPrm	113.66	+4.05	-8.8
Fidelity USBdIdxInsPrm	10.42	-.05	-4.8
First Eagle GlbA m	61.42	+1.74	-1.2
Franklin Templeton IncA1 m	2.30	+.04	-3.9
Franklin Templeton IncAdv	2.28	+.04	-3.4
Franklin Templeton RisingDivsA m	85.59	+2.80	-1.6
Harbor CptlApprecInstl	74.25	+2.64	-14.7
Harding Loevner IntlEqInstl	25.24	+.93	-5.1
INVESCO DevMktsY	38.92	+.80	-.9
JPMorgan CoreBondI	10.32	-.12	-4.5
JPMorgan CoreBondR6	10.34	-.12	-4.3
JPMorgan EqIncI	21.69	+.49	-6.9
JPMorgan LCapGrI	47.94	+.89	-12.3
John Hancock DiscpValMCI	24.76	+1.06	-5.3
Lord Abbett ShrtDurIncI	3.85	-.02	-.5
MFS IntlEqR6	30.94	+1.11	+1.6
MFS ValI	46.89	+1.59	-3.8
Metropolitan West TtlRetBdI	9.24	-.09	-6.2
Metropolitan West TtlRetBdPlan	8.66	-.09	-6.1
Old Westbury LgCpStrats	15.51	+.53	-9.4
PGIM Investments TtlRetBdZ	11.97	-.03	-6.4
PIMCO AlAstInstl	10.78	+.22	-8.1
PIMCO IncA m	10.45	+.01	-2.0
PIMCO IncI2	10.45	+.01	-1.7
PIMCO IncInstl	10.45	+.01	-1.6
PIMCO TtlRetIns	8.63	-.04	-6.3
Parnassus CorEqInv x	50.39	+1.36	-7.3
Schwab SP500Idx	63.16	+2.14	-10.5
Schwab Schwab1000Idx	88.23	+3.11	-11.4
Schwab TtlStkMktIdx	69.90	+2.50	-11.5
T. Rowe Price BCGr	120.49	+3.59	-18.4
T. Rowe Price CptlAprc	31.63	+.71	-3.5
T. Rowe Price DivGr	65.18	+1.91	-3.8
T. Rowe Price GrStk	71.55	+2.06	-18.2
T. Rowe Price LrgCpGrI	52.43	+1.40	-14.7
T. Rowe Price MdCpGr	95.12	+3.68	-6.4
T. Rowe Price Rtr2030	23.02	+.55	-7.0
TIAA-CREF EqIdxIns	29.09	+1.03	-8.6
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl	379.07	+12.83	-7.8
Vanguard BalIdxAdmrl	41.50	+.82	-7.0
Vanguard CAITTxExAdm	11.33	+.03	+1.3
Vanguard CptlOppAdmrl	156.34	+6.23	-5.5
Vanguard DevMIdxAdmrl	14.51	+.55	-2.9
Vanguard DevMIdxIns	14.53	+.55	-2.9
Vanguard DivGrInv	35.23	+.84	-2.8
Vanguard EMStkIdxInAdm	33.56	+.58	-9.1
Vanguard EqIncAdmrl	82.29	+2.99	-3.2
Vanguard ExplorerAdmrl	92.98	+4.13	-9.2
Vanguard ExtMktIdxAdmrl	106.40	+4.91	-14.2
Vanguard ExtMktIdxIns	106.39	+4.91	-14.1
Vanguard ExtMktIdxInsPls	262.56	+12.12	-14.1
Vanguard GNMAAdmrl	9.36	-.09	-4.3
Vanguard GrIdxAdmrl	128.41	+4.33	-12.6
Vanguard GrIdxIns	128.42	+4.33	-12.6
Vanguard HCAdmrl	86.42	-.93	+1.6
Vanguard HYCorpAdmrl	5.24	+.08	-2.5
Vanguard HYTEAdmrl	10.49	+.02	-2.3
Vanguard InTrBdIdxAdmrl	10.37	-.05	-4.2
Vanguard InTrInGdAdm	8.56	-.01	-3.9
Vanguard InTrTEAdmrl	13.59	+.02	+.9
Vanguard InflPrtScAdmrl x	23.89	-.02	-6.2
Vanguard InflPrtScIns x	9.73	-.01	-6.2
Vanguard InsIdxIns	342.96	+11.61	-7.8
Vanguard InsIdxInsPlus	342.95	+11.61	-7.7
Vanguard InsTtlSMIInPls	71.43	+2.54	-8.8
Vanguard IntlGrAdmrl	101.70	+4.42	-6.8
Vanguard IntlValInv	38.83	+1.50	+1.1
Vanguard LTInGrdAdm	8.15	+.04	-11.9
Vanguard LTTEAdmrl	10.80	+.03	-1.0
Vanguard LfStrGrInv	38.27	+1.03	-8.6
Vanguard LfStrModGrInv	28.95	+.57	-7.6
Vanguard LtdTrmTEAdmrl	10.77	+.01	+1.6
Vanguard MCpVlIdxAdm	69.45	+3.07	-8.3
Vanguard MdCpIdxAdmrl	261.25	+11.70	-9.9
Vanguard MdCpIdxIns	57.71	+2.58	-9.9
Vanguard MdCpIdxInsPlus	284.62	+12.75	-9.8
Vanguard PrmCpAdmrl	139.97	+5.50	-4.7
Vanguard PrmCpCorInv	28.46	+1.18	-4.3
Vanguard RlEstIdxAdmrl	117.79	+6.11	-20.1
Vanguard SCpGrIdxAdm	76.16	+3.57	-12.0
Vanguard SCpValIdxAdm	68.28	+3.03	-7.6
Vanguard STBdIdxAdmrl	10.01	-.04	-.3
Vanguard STInfPrScIdAdmr x	23.94	+.03	-.4
Vanguard STInfPrScIdIns x	23.96	+.04	-.3
Vanguard STInvmGrdAdmrl	10.07	-.02	-.2
Vanguard STInvmGrdIns	10.07	-.02	-.2
Vanguard STTEAdmrl	15.65	+.01	+1.7
Vanguard SmCpIdxAdmrl	90.85	+4.13	-9.3
Vanguard SmCpIdxIns	90.84	+4.12	-9.3
Vanguard StarInv	25.77	+.61	-8.0
Vanguard TMCapApAdm	212.03	+7.52	-8.1
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Fd	26.57	+.35	-6.5
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Fd	17.56	+.31	-7.4
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Fd	33.15	+.69	-7.9
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Fd	20.50	+.48	-8.2
Vanguard TrgtRtr2040Fd	36.11	+.95	-8.5
Vanguard TrgtRtr2045Fd	24.30	+.70	-8.8
Vanguard TrgtRtr2050Fd	40.31	+1.24	-8.9
Vanguard TrgtRtr2055Fd	44.97	+1.38	-8.9
Vanguard TrgtRtr2060Fd	41.41	+1.26	-8.9
Vanguard TrgtRtrIncFd	12.71	+.06	-5.4
Vanguard TtBMIdxAdmrl	9.71	-.05	-4.7
Vanguard TtBMIdxIns	9.71	-.05	-4.7
Vanguard TtBMIdxInsPlus	9.71	-.05	-4.7
Vanguard TtInBIdxAdmrl x	19.54	-.10	-5.1
Vanguard TtInBIdxIns x	29.32	-.16	-5.0
Vanguard TtInSIdxAdmrl	29.65	+.97	-4.6
Vanguard TtInSIdxIns	118.56	+3.88	-4.6
Vanguard TtInSIdxInsPlus	118.59	+3.88	-4.6
Vanguard TtInSIdxInv	17.73	+.58	-4.6
Vanguard TtlSMIdxAdmrl	99.37	+3.54	-8.8
Vanguard TtlSMIdxIns	99.38	+3.53	-8.8
Vanguard TtlSMIdxInv	99.35	+3.53	-8.9
Vanguard USGrAdmrl	117.35	+4.48	-17.6
Vanguard ValIdxAdmrl	53.89	+1.90	-4.0
Vanguard ValIdxIns	53.88	+1.89	-4.0
Vanguard WlngtnAdmrl	68.18	+1.30	-5.4
Vanguard WlngtnInv	39.49	+.75	-5.4
Vanguard WlslyIncAdmrl	59.53	+.78	-4.4
Vanguard WndsrAdmrl	70.29	+2.77	-2.0
Vanguard WndsrIIAdmrl	69.23	+2.24	-5.5
Vanguard WndsrIIInv	39.02	+1.26	-5.6
WCM FocIntGrIns	21.74	+.82	-4.9
Western Asset CorPlusBdI	9.59	+.05	-8.4
iShares S&P500IdxK	481.64	+14.37	-9.1

b - Fee covering market costs is paid from fund assets. d - Deferred sales charge, or redemption fee. m - Multiple fees are charged, usually a marketing fee and either a sales or redemption fee. s - fund split shares during the week. x - fund paid a distribution during the week. Source: Morningstar.

How the region's Top 100 companies fared

Ranks based on market capitalization of public companies headquartered in Illinois and northwest Indiana as of Friday, March 31, 2023

Market capitalization in millions of dollars

RANK/COMPANY	CAP	CLOSE	WEEK (*Stock $ change*)	1-YR (*Stock % return*)
1 AbbVie Inc	281,151	159.37	▲ +1.35	-.1
2 McDonalds Corp	204,533	279.61	▲ +8.28	+13.9
3 Abbott Labs	175,984	101.26	▲ +3.21	-16.1
4 Boeing Co	127,283	212.43	▲ +14.90	+8.3
5 Deere Co	122,345	412.88	▲ +27.63	-1.7
6 Caterpillar Inc	118,160	228.84	▲ +11.83	+2.8
7 Mondelez Intl	95,049	69.72	▲ +1.07	+13.3
8 ITW	74,208	243.45	▲ +13.14	+14.2
9 CME Group	68,897	191.52	▲ +7.97	-18.3
10 Motorola Solutions	47,855	286.13	▲ +14.45	+18.4
11 Kraft Heinz Co	47,448	38.67	▲ +.49	+2.6
12 Arch Dan Mid	43,529	79.66	▲ +3.05	-9.2
13 Exelon Corp	41,643	41.89	▲ +1.65	-9.3
14 Gallagher AJ	40,876	191.31	▲ +5.65	+10.3
15 Grainger WW	34,621	688.81	▲ +25.21	+29.9
16 Walgreen Boots Alli	29,835	34.58	▲ +1.88	-23.0
17 Allstate Corp	29,179	110.81	▲ +5.22	-19.8
18 Ulta Salon Cosmetics	27,389	545.67	▲ +31.69	+33.5
19 CDW Corp	26,425	194.89	▲ +3.18	+7.5
20 Discover Fin Svcs	25,635	98.84	▲ +5.99	-11.3
21 Equity Residential	22,716	60.00	▲ +4.01	-33.3
22 Dover Corp	21,236	151.94	▲ +10.50	-6.5
23 Baxter Intl	20,504	40.56	▲ +1.33	-47.8
24 Nthn Trust Cp	18,309	88.13	▲ +4.70	-25.7
25 ConAgra Brands Inc	17,901	37.56	▲ +.35	+15.9
26 IDEX Corp	17,446	231.03	▲ +11.59	+17.4
27 Ventas Inc	17,339	43.35	▲ +1.43	-26.4
28 Zebra Tech	16,346	318.00	▲ +29.27	-28.1
29 LKQ Corporation	15,171	56.76	▲ +2.96	+21.1
30 United Airlines Hldg	14,473	44.25	▲ +2.89	-4.7
31 CF Industries	14,206	72.49	▲ +3.19	-27.3
32 CBOE Global Markets	14,194	134.24	▲ +4.96	+17.1
33 Equity Lifesty Prop	12,498	67.13	▲ +3.47	-12.9
34 Packaging Corp Am	12,478	138.83	▲ +5.68	-9.1
35 TransUnion	11,986	62.14	▲ +3.43	-40.3
36 NiSource Inc	11,533	27.96	▲ +1.21	-8.9
37 Paylocity Hldg	11,085	198.78	▲ +16.53	-5.3
38 CNA Financial	10,551	39.03	▲ +1.76	-15.5
39 Morningstar Inc	8,624	203.03	▲ +15.64	-28.5
40 US Foods Holding	8,568	36.94	▲ +1.83	-4.2
41 Middleby Corp	7,859	146.61	▲ +10.39	-14.4
42 Aptargroup Inc	7,727	118.19	▲ +5.22	-1.1
43 Fortune Brands Innov	7,533	58.73	▲ +1.70	-12.1
44 Old Republic	7,419	24.97	▲ +.96	+.9
45 First Indl RT	7,033	53.20	▲ +2.90	-14.9
46 Jones Lang LaSalle	6,925	145.49	▲ +8.04	-41.9
47 Ingredion Inc	6,709	101.73	▲ +2.26	+18.3
48 Littelfuse Inc	6,648	268.09	▲ +5.33	+4.9
49 RLI Corp	6,054	132.91	▲ +2.83	+25.8
50 Brunswick Corp	5,844	82.00	▲ +4.89	-4.8
51 CCC Intellig Solut	5,606	8.97	▲ +.23	-21.5
52 Hyatt Hotels Corp	5,291	111.79	▲ +8.19	+14.0
53 Ryan Specialty Group	4,556	40.24	▲ +1.91	+1.7
54 Wintrust Financial	4,451	72.95	▲ +2.05	-21.9
55 Stericycle Inc	4,022	43.61	▲ +2.58	-28.6
56 GATX	3,887	110.02	▲ +5.22	-12.6
57 Kemper Corp	3,496	54.66	▲ +1.83	-2.7
58 John Bean Technol	3,475	109.29	▲ +5.92	-8.1
59 Federal Signal	3,293	54.21	▲ +2.89	+57.1
60 Envestnet Inc	3,169	58.67	▲ +4.80	-22.6
61 TreeHouse Foods	2,829	50.43	▲ +1.57	+53.0
62 Hub Group Inc	2,753	83.94	▲ +2.55	+1.2
63 Fst Midw Bcp	2,455	21.51	▬ ...	
64 Stepan Co	2,298	103.03	▲ +3.89	+2.5
65 Equity Commonwlth	2,269	20.71	▲ +.55	-10.0
66 MYR Group	2,099	126.01	▲ +6.11	+27.1
67 AAR Corp	1,893	54.55	▼ -.10	+12.8
68 Gogo Inc	1,854	14.50	▲ +.52	-28.2
69 Tootsie Roll	1,782	44.91	▲ +.16	+27.2
70 Adtalem Global Educ	1,755	38.62	▲ +2.06	+23.4
71 Addus HomeCare	1,721	106.76	▲ +3.81	+13.9
72 Methode Electronics	1,579	43.88	▲ +2.48	+1.3
73 Knowles Corp	1,553	17.00	▲ +.69	-24.9
74 Huron Consulting Gp	1,543	80.37	▲ +2.07	+75.8
75 Veradigm Inc	1,425	13.05	▼ -.10	-42.4
76 Enova Intl Inc	1,401	44.43	▲ +2.53	+15.3
77 Horace Mann	1,367	33.48	▲ +.63	-17.3
78 Ryerson Holding	1,290	36.38	▲ +1.47	+2.2
79 Coeur Mining	1,179	3.99	▲ +.69	-10.0
80 First Busey Corp	1,124	20.34	▼ -.33	-18.7
81 Teleph Data	1,104	10.51	▲ +.80	-41.7
82 US Cellular	1,071	20.73	▲ +1.06	-33.3
83 Century Aluminum	923	10.00	▲ +1.03	-63.5
84 Distribution Solu Gr	882	45.46	▲ +5.85	+8.0
85 Sanfilipo John	868	96.92	▼ -1.28	+20.1
86 Heritage-Crystal Cln	866	35.61	▲ +1.86	+17.8
87 SunCoke Energy Inc	752	8.98	▲ +.42	+3.5
88 QCR Holdings Inc	738	43.91	▼ -.09	-24.2
89 OneSpan Inc	700	17.50	▲ +.32	+18.7
90 ANI Pharma	694	39.72	▲ +2.11	+37.2
91 SP Plus Corp	668	34.29	▲ +1.28	+6.1
92 Titan Intl	658	10.48	▲ +.09	-27.7
93 Old Second Bcp	627	14.06	▲ +.05	-3.8
94 Heidrick & Struggles	602	30.36	▲ +.82	-26.1
95 Fst Mid Bancshares	557	27.22	▲ +.37	-29.7
96 Acco Brands Corp	504	5.32	▲ +.37	-32.3
97 Great Lakes Dredge	360	5.43	▲ +.37	-62.7
98 Consolidated Commun	295	2.58	▲ +.43	-60.0
99 Richardson Elec	268	22.32	▲ +1.02	+76.5
100 Potbelly Corp	240	8.33	▲ +.55	+23.7

SUCCESS

Make your resume impressive without lying

By Donna Svei
Fast Company

Have you ever been tempted to stretch the truth on your resume? Surveys show that up to 80% of people have lied on their resumes. But I have good news: You don't have to do that to look impressive.

I was a retained search consultant for more than 25 years and have held C-level corporate executive positions. These days, I write executive and board resumes, and I have found that there are many techniques applicants can use to help make their resumes impressive — without lying. Here are five tactics all applicants should try.

FORMAT FLATTERINGLY

First, use a simple format. Doing so demonstrates that you can organize information for a user's benefit. That valuable communication skill will instantly make you more impressive than 99% of the other applicants for most jobs.

Many design executives engage me to write their resumes. They recognize reader-centric design when they see it. And they don't confuse narrative resumes with visual creative portfolios. They know that narratives and visuals have different design requirements.

LESS HYPERBOLE, MORE FACTS

Next, check your resume's headline and branding statement. I have found that when job seekers don't understand their value, they describe themselves with overused, hyperbolic words. Recruiters immediately recognize these types of claims and aren't impressed.

Some hyperbolic descriptor nouns include "disruptor," "expert," "guru," "thought leader" and "visionary." Check the definitions of those words. If you don't match up, delete them from your resume. Then, invest in better understanding your value. Trust me: It's there, waiting to be discovered.

Beyond nouns, be wary of exaggerated adjectives. Recruiters often aren't impressed by adjectives because they're typically opinions, not facts. Some hyperbolic adjectives include "distinguished," "outstanding" and "unique."

These lists aren't comprehensive. However, these examples demonstrate the types of words that can seem impressive to job seekers but don't pass recruiters' scrutiny. Recruiters' private reactions are often, "Show me, don't tell me." If any of your descriptors might make a recruiter think that, delete them.

PERSUASIVELY FRAME YOUR EXPERIENCE

Third, look at your experience and frame it to persuade your target employers to talk with you. Applicants can do this by highlighting the elements of your experience that interest potential employers and delete irrelevant (or potentially negative) information.

Negatives rarely impress on resumes. Because of that, when a fact is described negatively, I ask myself, "Can I reframe this as a positive?" It might be as simple as changing "reduced turnover to 10%" to "increased team retention to 90%."

Employers want to know about your fit for their job, so it is crucial to address their interests. And no one expects you to describe your biggest failure on your resume. Beyond that, recruiters and hiring managers don't want to wade through irrelevant clutter.

You should never lie on your resume. To make sure you stay true to yourself, ask yourself the following: "Would I be comfortable posting this resume on LinkedIn?" "How would my colleagues react if they read this on LinkedIn?" "Would I be confident discussing this information in an interview?"

SHOW OFF WHO YOU'VE WORKED WITH

Instead of being tempted to resort to hyperbole and lies, share your accomplishments and their impact.

One technique I like to use on resumes is something I call "affiliative branding." A client I once worked with wanted a specific job but couldn't land an interview. We analyzed the posting and saw that the job involved working with well-known artists. My client had that impressive experience but hadn't mentioned it in their resume. We wrote a bullet that named a few of the top artists they had worked for (affiliative branding) and described my client's wins. They got the job three weeks later.

ELIMINATE OR UPDATE OUTDATED INFORMATION

I once worked with a client who was a top executive in a start-up that was acquired by a well-known company — a successful exit. But then the acquirer failed months later in the dot-com crash. We thought that linking my client to that company's name would generate age bias, so we eliminated it and consolidated their experience from that point back.

In another case, a client pioneered a billion-dollar product category for their company. The first product became a household name, but newer products have followed it. We featured the product in an earlier version of my client's resume. In the current version, we updated their story by focusing on the category because it's now more impressive than the initial product.

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Breath of fresh air:

Anonymous job performance reviews be 'refreshingly' positive — or positively brutal

Brett Fields says he's been through numerous performance reviews as an employee but he really remembers only one. In fact, he says, he recalls that particular review nearly word for word. "I was at a financial firm that had a blind review one year, which meant you were critiqued by other people in your department but you had no idea who wrote what," Fields says. "It was all anonymous."

So what made the blind review so memorable? Someone questioning Fields' dedication to the firm? A reviewer saying Fields was too smart to be where he was and should have the job of his boss? Or was it the review that pointed out his teamwork skills were lacking because he 'never bothered to look people in the eye.'"

None of the above, says Fields, although they all were included. Instead, it was simply this: "I love working with Brett because his breath smells great. It's minty and refreshing."

Silly? Unhelpful? Definitely not, says Fields. "When you're working with numbers, you're always looking at a spreadsheet or a screen over someone's shoulder," he says. "You're face-to-face with people all the time, literally two or three inches away."

And fresh breath, he says, is key. "Call me vain but I'm always chewing gum or mints because I know what it's like to work with people with bad breath," Fields says. "They may be brilliant but if you can't get close, you won't pay attention to anything else. Your mind gets all foggy and you spend so much time trying to figure out how not to breathe out of your nose, you lose focus."

Being blunt

Fields says he read the fresh-breath mention as not only a compliment but also as a reminder to stock plenty of Altoids. Later that year, when he participated in a certain blind review, he wrote a similar note. "But mine was telling someone they made it difficult to work together because of their breath," Fields says. "I was being honest. It was more important to me than how fast they worked or how accurate they were. I could fix numbers. I couldn't fix bad breath."

And did it work? "Like a charm, like this person must have gone on an all-out assault on his bad breath," he says. "It made a huge difference."

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While bad breath may seem like a minor issue at work, the method in which it was addressed is not. "I don't recommend blind or anonymous reviews for any HR department," says Harlon Reynolds, an executive adviser in San Francisco and a former job analyst for the U.S. Department of Labor. "It's a great way to get people to be honest but it can be very divisive. It can tick a lot of people off."

Better left unsaid

Maryanne Kaish, an administrative assistant in Boston, says she has horrible memories of a departmental review of her boss, a review in which no one attached their names. "And we were always a very close group. People were honest and engaging and that review ruined it for our department," Kaish says. "[The boss] was actually the person who set the format for the review — he asked for it — and when he read it, he went ballistic."

Kaish says the reviews were "incredibly specific, which was a mistake because he could tell who wrote what."

People critiqued the management style of their boss, his penchant for leaving the office right after lunch every Friday, even when there was still work to finish, his distracted behavior in meetings and finally, his inability to do simple math. "That one killed him. The guy's a genius when it comes to strategy but if you told him we had a budget of $600,000 for a 10-week outdoor marketing campaign, he'd say something like 'how are we going to have any impact for $6,000 bucks a week?'" Kaish says.

As a result of the departmental review, Kaish said her boss began keeping his office door closed, rarely made small talk with others and ultimately, left the company for a new employer. "It had to be humiliating for him," she says. "I think people got a little carried away with some of the stuff they said. You wouldn't say someone is really dumb when it comes to basic math if you had to attach your name to it. Maybe you'd reframe it as something like 'moves past the small details at times, for example, when putting together numbers for a budget, to get to the big picture,' or something like that, but there's some stuff you just shouldn't say. It all seemed a little harsh."

Fields isn't so sure about that. Aside from the breath compliment, his blind review also mentioned his condescending attitude toward younger co-workers, which he often exhibited by waving them off once he was finished discussing whatever issue needed attention. "That was an eye-opener for me. That hand thing is a real jerk move but it's something I do with my friends, like 'away with you. I'm done here.' It's a joke but people from work didn't know that. They just thought I was being rude," he says. "After I read that, I felt awful and I try very hard to not do it in the office."

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Fool's gold: How to avoid following terrible tips from others

For every piece of good advice, there are several similar tips waiting to pounce. How can you avoid bad advice? It's tough, of course, and bad advice for some may be good advice for others, depending on the circumstances, but still, it's important to know what you're getting. Here are some job-search and career tips that at best, may not be too applicable these days, or worse, just plain awful:

'You gotta get your name out there'

First of all, thanks for humoring your uncle when he practically belched this little nugget of advice into your ear after his sixth spiked lemonade at last weekend's barbecue. Granted, there is something to being active and visible but you want to put your name in front of the right people. The problem is that too many job candidates take this advice to mean they need to put their name in front of everyone. While it used to be commonplace to mail out a bin of resumes on Monday mornings after job candidates went through the Sunday job sections, consider the dangers of a job search that's not limited by the cost of postage stamps. Today's candidates can apply for 100 jobs online without cramping a finger. The problem is that there isn't much benefit in applying for jobs you're not qualified for and jobs you don't really want. You probably won't even make it through the first phase of application bots to begin with so it's not worth your time. Plus, it puts you in the wrong mindset. Focus on jobs that are beneficial to you with companies you can help make better. You're not throwing birdseed, after all. Pick and choose your companies and apply accordingly.

Don't blow the interview

Wait, that's bad advice? Of course not. No one is suggesting you tank the interview but the message behind the directive certainly isn't as relevant as we once thought. The workplaces of America are filled with people who had mediocre interviews at best and disastrous, sitcom-worthy interviews at worst. Most recruiters recognize that today's job applicants are real people. They get nervous, they forget things, they sometimes interrupt others, they fidget when they speak and they don't always look people in the eye. That only makes them human. So until AI-fueled cyborgs have completely taken over the workforce, humans will continue to hire other humans, which means that humans with flaws will continue to hire other humans with flaws. Don't beat yourself up over an interview that didn't quite go the way you planned. It's much more important to avoid putting a ridiculous amount of pressure on yourself to have the interview of a lifetime for a job you especially want. Whether or not you get the job relies on a number of factors, not just the interview. Prepare, do your best and if you don't get the job, move on.

Wait your turn

While there's something to be said for employees who actively seek information and are willing participants in the group process, biding their time until a new opportunity reveals itself, the days of sitting tight and quietly waiting for your turn are long gone. That's not to say you need to crawl over the backs of your coworkers to get ahead. Instead, keep your eyes open for new opportunities within and outside of your current employer. New job titles are created all the time based on companies' changing needs, including market trends, customer retention numbers, economic realities and more. Don't feel like you have to participate in a traditional hierarchy of power if you have skills that can benefit your employer in different ways. Identify the company's needs, come up with a solid plan on how your skills can help address those and present it to your manager. If your company decides that it's not necessarily ready for the role you've envisioned, you can keep working and quietly look for a company that recognizes what you can bring to the table.

–Marco Buscaglia

Foe for it: 6 ways to work with someone you don't like

If you're in a daily situation with people you can't stand, take a deep breath and come up with a plan. That advice comes from Darlene Evans, a social worker and workplace consultant based in Rochester, New York, who says there are ways to get past your inherent dislike for a coworker. Here are her suggestions:

1. Be professional: "You're working together, not planning your wedding," Evans says. "As long as both parties remain cordial and respectful, it's possible to accomplish work-related tasks without tearing each other to pieces."

2. Keep your distance: "You don't have to hang with everyone in the office, whether it's face-to-face or online," says Evans.

3. Don't take the relationship so seriously: You have family and friends at the end of the workday so there's no need to clench your teeth while working. "Relax, do your job and remember your priorities," Evans says.

4. Work the relationship to your favor: "There can be a competitive advantage to working with people who aren't in your circle," Evans says. "Some people will continually push themselves to outdo their peers, so in some settings, a little discord among coworkers can be a good thing."

5. Keep your feelings to yourself: "If you don't like someone, there's no need to broadcast your feelings to the entire office," says Evans.

6. Seek help: Sometimes, HR will help clashing employees work through their problems. "If there is a lot of money at stake, your company is going to want to help you work things out," Evans says. "It's possible to work with a third party to help negotiate strategies, boundaries and more."

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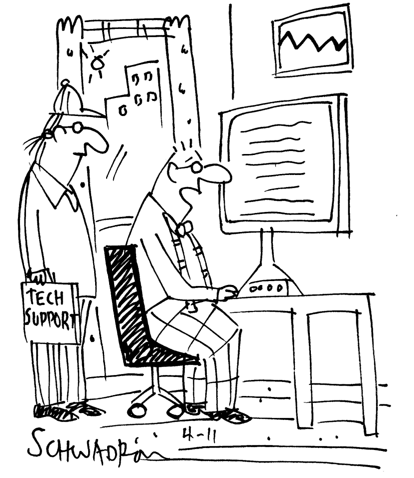

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CAREERS

Years ahead: Interviewing for a job with someone younger than you can be a challenge

If you're clearly much older than your interviewer, fight any urge to treat them like a child. It's likely that the person you're interviewing with has enough confidence to handle your occasional sneer or misguided question but that doesn't mean they have to accept it. If you come across as the TV-dad-type, there's a good chance you won't get called back for a second interview.

First, don't condescend. As difficult as it may be to avoid coming off as skeptical or all-knowing, it's important for older job seekers to keep their expert opinions in check. No one wants to be told — directly or indirectly — that their potential hires are surprised their likely boss is so young. The more you talk down to an interviewer, the less likely your chances of ever getting hired. While it's one thing to subtly stress your potential value as a sounding board for ideas and strategies, it's another to make the person conducting the job interview feel inferior in any way. Your goal is to make your interviewer comfortable. There are plenty of younger managers who value someone with experience on their staff. They just don't want that someone to be a condescending know-it-all.

Too often, older workers show mild disdain for companies even as they seek to be hired by them and they let their interviewer know it — whether they mean to or not. Candidates may discredit a company's online success, fret over their emphasis on social media and question their long-term loyalty to their clients. While you may offer some strategic tips once hired, you'll want to keep those eye rolls on the inside of your head. You should know as much as possible about a particular company. If you're interviewing with a start-up and are having trouble learning specifics about the company itself, study its industry and react accordingly.

While no one expects you to jump on a desk, be enthusiastic. One of the bigger concerns that younger managers have with older employees is that as new members of a team, they won't be able to maintain the same level of energy as others on staff. And not just in physical terms. Managers want to know that their new hires are able to communicate well with others, maintain relationships in the office and can have an engaging presence on social media.

Finally, despite the urge to talk about every job you've ever had, don't. Keep your experience limited to your most recent jobs unless asked. There's a fine line between experience and nostalgia when presenting your work backstory. While it may seem interesting to you, your potential manager is much more interested in what you've accomplished in recent months. Remember, you're getting hired to do a particular job. It's a given that your experiences have contributed to who you are and how you work so there's no need to bring up the old stuff.

– Marco Buscaglia

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BEARS WHAT WE LEARNED

Roster's hometown flavor done with purpose

By Dan Wiederer and Colleen Kane
Chicago Tribune

PHOENIX — The NFL's spring meetings wrapped up Tuesday evening at the Arizona Biltmore resort, where the Bears remained a hot topic of conversation.

The Bears traded the No. 1 pick in next month's draft to the Carolina Panthers earlier this month, collecting the No. 9 overall pick plus a second-rounder this year, a first-rounder in 2024 and a second-rounder in 2025. The Bears also added standout receiver DJ Moore in the deal and then became active in free agency, signing 11 players in the first week.

General manager Ryan Poles acknowledges he still has plenty of work to do in the draft and in the years to come to fully fortify the roster, but the Bears remain pleased with their progress and excited about the opportunities ahead.

Here are eight notable things we heard in Arizona.

1. Newcomer Tremaine Edmunds likely will play middle linebacker, coach Matt Eberflus said. Two of the Bears' big signings in the first wave of free agency potentially could play middle linebacker — Edmunds, who came from the Buffalo Bills, and former Philadelphia Eagles linebacker T.J. Edwards.

Eberflus said the depth chart at defense will be open for now, but he believes the 6-foot-5, 250-pound Edmunds could find his home in the middle, which would put Edwards at weak-side linebacker.

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Blackhawks center Jonathan Toews looks for an open teammate in the first period Saturday at the United Center. **CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

DEVILS 6, BLACKHAWKS 3

Captain comes back

Toews returns, notching an assist in loss

By Matt Carlson
Associated Press

Longtime Blackhawks captain Jonathan Toews returned from two-month medical leave of absence and played against the New Jersey Devils on Saturday night at the United Center.

Toews, 34, took the opening faceoff for the Hawks as he appeared in a game for the first time since Jan. 28. He made a statement through the team on Feb. 19 saying he would be stepping away because of the effects of chronic immune response syndrome and long COVID-19.

After training on his own, Toews returned to the ice with teammates in a practice session Tuesday. In a meeting with reporters after the skate, he hinted his stellar NHL career could be winding down after 15 seasons and stopped short of saying he planned to play in any remaining games.

Toews had an assist and played 14 minutes Saturday in the Hawks' 6-3 loss. He also won 67% of his faceoffs. Toews centered a line with wingers Reese Johnson and Austin Wagner. He got a warm cheer from the crowd when announced in the starting lineup.

Andreas Athanasiou had a goal and assist for the last-place Hawks, who lost their eighth straight. Tyler Johnson scored for the third straight game and rookie Lukas

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Paul Sullivan
In the Wake of the News

Same old song and dance

Our cherished teams seem to be on a path they've already walked

The spring of our discontent has arrived, and April figures to be an interesting month for followers of Chicago's not-so Fab Five.

Four of our professional teams— the Blackhawks, Bulls, Cubs and White Sox— are all in action, while the Bears are on the clock.

Throw in a mayoral election and some inclement weather and you have the three staples of the Chicago food group — sports, weather and politics — intermingling. When all is said and done, it could be an April for the ages, a month of potential goodbyes and welcome backs, from Jonathan Toews and Nikola Vučević to Jason Heyward.

April also marks the opening steps of the six-month slog for our two summer teams, and very well could be the end of the line for our winter teams, the two occupiers of the United Center. Even for Chicago sports fans used to multitasking games, it's everything everywhere all at once.

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BULLS

Williams still isn't rebounder the Bulls need him to become

By Julia Poe
Chicago Tribune

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CHARLOTTE — Patrick Williams did not record a rebound Friday night.

That's a problem for the Bulls. It would be one thing if this were a fluke. But Williams' lack of presence on the boards has been a pattern dogging an otherwise positive season of growth for the third-year forward.

In the last 48 minutes Williams played, he had only one rebound. He hasn't grabbed an offensive board in three games. In two of the last 13 games, Williams recorded only one rebound. In two others, he didn't snag a single one.

When faced with the question of whether his rebounding is living up to his expectations, Williams' answer was immediate: "Definitely not."

"There's another level that I can get to," Williams told the Tribune. "Really it's just a mindset thing."

With five games remaining in the regular season, the Bulls are in 10th place in the Eastern Conference, three ahead of the Washington Wizards for the last spot in the play-in tournament. They are only one game out of the No. 8 spot heading into their matchup Sunday against the Memphis Grizzlies at the United Center (2:30 p.m., NBCSCH).

The Bulls are already small. But if the 6-foot-7 Williams doesn't play up to his size, they begin to shrink even further against some of the tougher backcourts in the league.

Coach Billy Donovan's stated goal has been to develop Williams into a consistent double-digit rebounder. But Williams has recorded only one double-digit rebounding night this season — in a Jan. 23 win against the Atlanta Hawks.

"It's gotten better but we need it to be more consistent," Donovan said. "When he does go, he's an elite rebounder and he's got great strength. He's a guy in very, very tight spaces that gets off the floor and can really rebound."

Even with their lack of size, the Bulls have done well to fend off second chances this season, sitting seventh in the league in defensive rebounds per game (33.9) and third in defensive rebounding percentage (74.7%). But it's a different story on the opposite end of the court. The Bulls are third-last in offensive rebounds (8.6) and last in second-

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San Diego State guard Lamont Butler, left, celebrates with forward Aguek Arop after scoring the winning basket at the buzzer against Florida Atlantic in the Final Four on Saturday in Houston. The Aztecs won 72-71. **DAVID J. PHILLIP/AP**

NCAA TIOURNAMENT

Final is set

Lamont Butler made a jumper at the buzzer, sending San Diego State to its first national championship game with a 72-71 win over fellow midmajor Florida Atlantic in the first Final Four game Saturday in Houston. "It's unbelievable," Butler said. "This is what I came here to do. I'm glad the shot went in. I'm just happy for my team." The Aztecs will face Connecticut, which cruised to a win in the nightcap, for the title Monday night. Coverage, **Pages 3 and 5**

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is just that big-body presence in the middle in between the hashes, that's where a lot of the throws go, and it really deters that," Eberflus said. "(With Edmunds') size and length, he has tremendous range in there as a pass defender."

Eberflus said he has loved Edmunds since the linebacker came out of Virginia Tech in 2018. And he thinks Edmunds, who signed a four-year, $72 million contract with the Bears, continued to get better in his five years with the Bills, during which he totaled 565 tackles, 32 tackles for a loss, 18 quarterback hits, 6 ½ sacks and 35 passes defended.

Eberflus craves ball production from his linebackers — and really his entire defense — but Edmunds has had only five interceptions and two forced fumbles in five seasons. Eberflus believes the Bears can get more out of their prized free agent in that regard.

"When you put it on a player's mind and really start to train a player to take the ball away and then he has that physical attributes that he has — the length and the size and the range — that's going to come for him," Eberflus said. "That's what makes those guys special. The ability to take the ball away is what takes you from a B player to an A-plus player. I really believe that all of our defense can take that step."

2. It's no accident the Bears continue to add players who grew up rooting for the team. Edwards grew up in Lake Villa and played high school football at Lakes Community. Tight end Robert Tonyan, an alumnus of McHenry High, was a devoted Bears fan who loved Brian Urlacher growing up.

Add them to a Bears roster that includes local products Jack Sanborn (Lake Zurich), Doug Kramer (Hinsdale Central and Illinois) and Cole Kmet (St. Viator and Notre Dame), and Poles says it's not a coincidence he has been drawn to players with Bears passion in their blood.

"There's something to it for me," Poles said Monday afternoon. "When you have pride in your local team that you grew up watching, you knew what this club meant to the city.

"You saw some good times and some good players, and I think you're a little bit more motivated to perform at a high level and also to lead because you've seen guys do it at a high level before you.

"I always like that aspect. I think it just means a little bit more."

3. Eberflus is excited about how Moore fits in with the Bears offense. Moore was a key component of the Bears' trade of the No. 1 pick to the Panthers because he is a young player under contract for three more seasons who produced consistently despite less-than-ideal circumstances with multiple quarterbacks. And the Bears needed a wide receiver.

Eberflus touted Moore's route-running skills and ability to get yards after the catch. Poles called him a strong, physical player and said he complements what the Bears have in Chase Claypool, a big body who can move inside and out, and Darnell Mooney, who can separate and be a vertical threat.

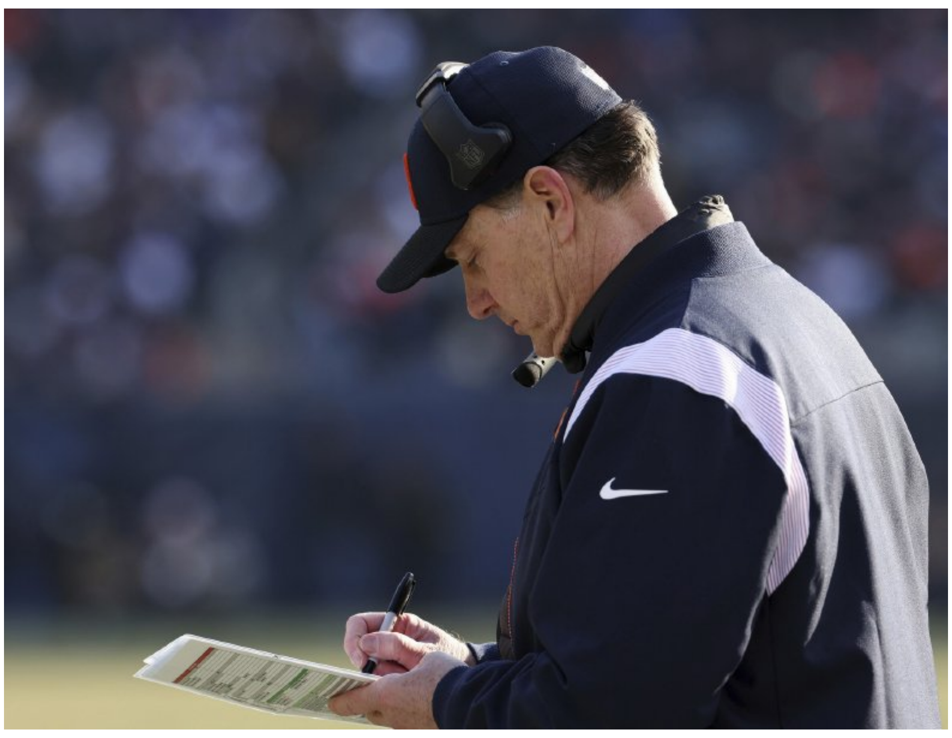
After the Bears acquired Moore, who totaled 5,201 receiving yards and 21 touchdowns in five seasons, Eberflus went out to dinner with the receiver and his family. Eberflus wouldn't say which restaurant they went to but said it's supposed to have an excellent Caesar salad, which Moore tried.

Also excellent? The vibes Eberflus got from Moore during dinner.

"My first impression of DJ is that he lit up the room," Eberflus said. "The energy that he brought into the room and that his family brought into the room was just outstanding. And you can feel that light inside of him and the energy that he's going to bring to our football team."

4. Crossover practices for the preseason are back on the Bears' radar. The league provided data to teams suggesting the ideal window for crossover practices is best as teams ready for their second or third of three preseason games in August. For the Bears, that would earmark the weeks of Aug. 14-19 and Aug. 21-26 as potential target dates.

New Bears linebacker T.J. Edwards speaks with the media at Halas Hall on March 16. **STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**


Bears coach Matt Eberflus writes notes in the second quarter against the Vikings at Soldier Field on Jan. 8. **JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

"Fewer starters year over year are participating in preseason games," said Jeff Miller, the NFL's executive vice president of communications, public affairs and policy.

"And we've seen that there is a benefit at the beginning of the regular season from an injury perspective for players who reach game intensities at some point in the preseason. And joint practices have proven to be a really useful tool for that.

"The data also seems to show that the further back you move the joint practices toward the (regular season), the lower the injury rate during those joint practices and the more beneficial impact they have."

The Bears were unable to make crossover practices work last summer. But behind the scenes Poles and Eberflus are pushing to make that part of the preseason itinerary this year, preferably on the road. But with only one preseason road game in 2023, the Bears will have to wait for their schedule to be finalized.

The Bears last held crossover practices in 2021, when they hosted the Miami Dolphins at Halas Hall in the final year of the Ryan Pace-Matt Nagy regime. Pace previously locked the Bears in for crossover practices on the road in Indianapolis in 2015, New England in 2016 and Denver in 2018.

5. The Bears tried to re-sign David Montgomery before he signed with the Detroit Lions. Poles said early in the offseason that he wanted to bring back Montgomery, a 2019 third-round draft pick who rushed for 3,609 yards and 26 touchdowns in four seasons. But Montgomery instead went to the Lions on a three-year, $18 million contract.

"Players do have a choice," Poles said. "I thought we communicated well. I thought we negotiated well. At the same time, you don't always know what's going on in the background, but I thought we did a good job, we were transparent, we were organized and it just didn't happen."

Poles then was asked about Montgomery's decision to go to an NFC North rival.

"Especially David, right?" Poles said. "He definitely is going to run with a chip on his shoulder, so we'll be ready for that. Happy for him. He's a guy I've respected since he was at Iowa State and I love the way he runs."

The Bears then signed running back D'Onta Foreman, who had a breakout season rushing for 914 yards and five touchdowns with the Panthers in 2022, his fifth year in the league.

"He is a big runner who can really get things downhill and can take it the distance," Eberflus said. "And he is very competitive. So I'm excited to get him on the field and to let him compete for that position."

6. Teven Jenkins will have to compete for a role on the offensive line. Jenkins, 25, made an encouraging transition from tackle to guard last season and showed promising flashes inside. But durability has been an issue since he joined the Bears as a second-round pick in 2021. Jenkins missed the first 11 games of his rookie season after needing back surgery during training camp and was only sprinkled into action late in that year.

Last season Jenkins missed more than a week of practices at the beginning of training camp with what the coaches said was an injury issue that neither they nor Jenkins would detail. Jenkins was banged up throughout the year, missing four games with hip and neck issues and failing to complete two others.

In 34 games, Jenkins has played more than 50% of the offensive snaps in only 11 games. His durability and dependability will be closely scrutinized as the Bears make their offensive line plans.

"We track that." Poles said. "We talk about it."

Poles said the Bears are always looking to aid players with notable injury histories, examining everything from "prehab" to practice lengths and intensities.

The plan is to slot Jenkins at left guard with free-agent addition Nate Davis at right guard and bump Cody Whitehair to center. There has been no internal discussion about testing Jenkins back at tackle.

Still, everything with the Bears offensive line remains fluid, with plans likely to change some after the draft.

"The best five are going to go out there and play," Poles said. "Some of those guys are going to have to be a little bit more flexible. But we feel like (we need) the best five, regardless of where someone feels extremely comfortable. If the whole five collectively plays at a high level, then we feel good."

7. Count Kansas City Chiefs coach Andy Reid among those impressed by the deal the Bears got in exchange for the No. 1 pick. Reid is admittedly biased, a big believer in Poles after watching him rise through the Chiefs organization.

"Ryan did a great job with us," Reid said Monday. "He worked his tail off. He was very organized. He's smart. And I think he's going to do great with Chicago. What he just did with the trade was big."

Reid thinks the Bears' trade return should energize the organization.

"You're gaining picks," he said. "And when you gain picks, you gain players. (Ryan) has also shown the trust in the quarterback he has there now (with Justin Fields).

"And now he gave himself an opportunity to add more players and he didn't have to move down that far. So they are still in position to get a good football player (at No. 9)."

8. Tennessee Titans coach Mike Vrabel offered a strong testimonial for new Bears pass rusher DeMarcus Walker. Walker had a career season for the Titans in 2022, amassing seven sacks and finding his niche as a versatile player who could play inside and on the edge. That adaptability was attractive to the Bears, who need to inject some juice into their pass rush after finishing last in the NFL in sacks in 2022

Walker figures to have a role in that mission and was labeled by Eberflus as a "hard-charging" defender who "fits our philosophy."

It can often be awkward to ask a player's previous coach for a review of his performance and skill set given that organization let him get away. But Vrabel was sincere with his positive assessment of Walker and expressed satisfaction the 28-year-old defensive lineman was able to cash in with a three-year, $21 million contract from the Bears.

"He was always coachable and he played hard," Vrabel said. "And with that, he was able to produce."

Vrabel emphasized the Titans used Walker most successfully inside but always appreciated his fire.

"He was always into it," Vrabel said. "Anytime we gave him a new task or job or role, he was all in. It was never, 'Well, I'm not sure.' It was always, 'Yeah, let's go. Let's give it a try.' I loved his energy at practice."

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chance points (10.9).

This is an area in which Williams could — and should — lift the Bulls.

"Seeing what happens when I do, that creates the biggest motivation for me," Williams said. "I get more involved in the game when I do it, I have better flow when I do it. It's not easy — but nothing is."

Donovan is quick to note that rebounding has changed. The proliferation of the 3-point shot has led to a higher volume of ricocheting long balls, which places a higher burden of rebounding on perimeter players.

And there are times when it makes more sense for players to abandon pursuit — for instance, the Bulls coaching staff has instructed Williams to get back on defense whenever he's positioned above the free-throw line at the time his teammate takes a shot.

But even with the caveats, Donovan still feels Williams isn't pulling the trigger enough.

"Based on where he is on the floor, there's going to be shots that are not going to be in its vicinity and there's going to be shots that fall around where he's at," Donovan said. "He's got to go chase those. There's no question that he could be better at that."

Rebounding isn't all that technical. The best rebounders master the footwork and timing necessary to go airborne at the right point, but the bulk of winning the boards comes down to a physical seal and an immense amount of effort in pursuing the ball.

Williams consistently emphasizes that it's not an issue of technique. And Donovan's main urging to the forward is simple: Just *go*.

"We're not necessarily charting how many rebounds he gets but how consistently he is going," Donovan said. "Because there's times where he can go really, really hard from the left corner, but if the ball comes off to the right wing, he's not getting that. There's been times he has been really, really good. There's times that he can be better."

Williams knows it all comes down to a mentality, an aggressiveness the Bulls have been trying to coax out of him for three seasons. He has shown improved bite on other ends of the court — swatting blocks as he picks up key defensive assignments, crushing dunks through the rim.

Building confidence has been key for Williams all season. When he can establish himself in the first quarter, Williams feels he produces at a more consistent rate. But if a quarter or two slips by without a rebound, Williams often grows softer on the boards as the game progresses.

So if it all starts in his head, what's the next step for Williams to build himself into a more physical presence on the boards?

The forward believes the key is in repetition.

"Do it. Then do it again," Williams said. "That's about it."

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Reichel deflected in a goal.

After practice Friday, coach Luke Richardson said Toews was feeling stronger and might try to play Saturday against the fast-skating Devils, who are contending for first-place in the Metropolitan Division.

After Saturday morning's skate, Toews confirmed he planned to play.

Toews' eight-year, $84 million contract is set to expire after the season.

Toews, the No. 3 pick in the 2006 draft, joined the Hawks in 2007 and was a pillar of their Stanley Cup championship teams in 2010, 2013 and 2015.

At the peak of his career, he was one of the NHL's top two-way centers, winning the Selke Trophy as the league's top defensive forward in 2013.

In 1,060 regular-season games, Toews has 371 goals and 509 assists. In 139 playoff games, he has posted 45 goals and 74 assists .

White Sox pitching coach Ethan Katz visits starter Lucas Giolito in the first inning against the Astros on Saturday at Minute Maid Park in Houston. **TIM WARNER/GETTY**

ASTROS 6, WHITE SOX 4

Rotation ramps up

Loss can't overshadow another strong performance by a Sox starting pitcher

By LaMond Pope | Chicago Tribune

HOUSTON — It's not easy navigating through a Houston Astros lineup that includes Jeremy Peña, Alex Bregman, Yordan Alvarez and Kyle Tucker, along with new addition José Abreu.

The White Sox starters have been up to the task for the first three games of the season.

Lucas Giolito allowed three runs (two earned) on five hits with six strikeouts and one walk in five innings in front of 37,519 fans Saturday at Minute Maid Park. He didn't get the decision in a 6-4 Sox loss.

Tucker broke a 3-all tie with a two-out RBI single against reliever José Ruiz in the seventh as the Sox dropped their second straight.

"Obviously the outcome is not what we want, but I like the way we played," manager Pedro Grifol said. "If we play like that, we're going to be all right."

It starts with the starters.

Giolito followed Thursday's Dylan Cease gem and Friday's strong outing from Lance Lynn with a solid performance.

"Dylan set the tone with a masterful performance, and Lance did his thing (Friday), gritty as ever," Giolito said. "It's hard to say I'm pleased with how I pitched because I didn't get through six innings.

"I liked how the ball was coming out, how the pitches were. (I) missed a few times, got away with some, didn't get away with (some). That's how it goes.

"The big thing going into the next outing is pour more into the zone, be efficient (and) get weak contact."

Cease allowed one run on two hits and struck out 10 in 6 ⅓ innings Thursday on opening day. He retired 19 straight during a stretch in a game the Sox won 3-2 with the help of Andrew Vaughn's two-run double in the ninth.

Lynn has struggled recently against the Astros, entering Friday 0-5 with an 8.80 ERA in his last five starts against them. He was 0-6 with a 6.28 ERA in his last six at Minute Maid Park.

That changed Friday, when Lynn allowed two runs on three hits with six strikeouts and four walks in 5 ⅔ innings. The two runs came via a Tucker homer in the sixth. Lynn exited after the home run with a one-run lead, and the Astros scored three the next inning on the way to beating the Sox 6-3.

"Starting pitching has been good. It's been really good," Grifol said. "I said it in the spring these guys have the makings of and the ability to do some nice things for us. We need them, we need their innings. They're doing a nice job.

"I liked the way (Giolito) battled. He gave up those two runs early and just kept grinding, kept battling and got us five (innings)."

Giolito gave up two runs in the first, although the RBI singles from Tucker and Chas McCormick weren't hit particularly hard.

"The first inning they've got a good approach, getting the bat to the ball, found a bunch of holes on me," Giolito said. "Unfortunately gave up two runs there. Started to lock it in a little bit more. I felt it was getting better as the outing went on."

Giolito also gave credit to the defense, which included a spectacular leaping catch from center fielder Luis Robert Jr. to rob Tucker of extra bases in the third.

The Sox used the long ball to take the lead as Yoán Moncada hit a solo homer in the second and Seby Zavala a two-run home run in the fourth, giving the Sox a 3-2 edge. The Astros tied the game in fourth when David Hensley reached on a Moncada throwing error and scored on a two-out Peña double.

Like Friday, the Astros found more two-out success against the Sox bullpen.

Reliever Joe Kelly gave up two-out singles to Alvarez and Abreu. Ruiz entered and Tucker worked a full count before driving in Alvarez with the single to right.

"I took (Kelly) as far as I was comfortable taking him," Grifol said. "That's the first time Joe has finished an inning (getting the final out of the sixth) and gone back out (for the seventh) in a long time. And it was one of those where I went out to see if he was OK, and I told him 'I'll give you one more hitter.'

"I respect the fact that he was willing to get the out and then go back out, which he hasn't done in a while. I trust (Ruiz). Obviously he made good pitches and balls found holes, but I took Kelly as far as I was comfortable taking him and he was next-man up."

The Astros scored twice more in the eighth. The Sox scored once in the ninth on an RBI single from Eloy Jiménez. Moncada batted with two on and two outs, hitting a liner just foul before striking out to end the game.

"The right guys were up at the plate, and I liked the effort," Grifol said. "We played until the last out, and we got the winning run to the plate. It just didn't happen."

BREWERS 3, CUBS 1

Lack of offense tarnishes Steele's good work

By Meghan Montemurro
Chicago Tribune

Cubs pitching coach Tommy Hottovy could tell left-hander Justin Steele was getting caught in between the timing of his delivery.

Steele became out of whack in the first inning of his season debut Saturday against the Milwaukee Brewers at Wrigley Field. Hottovy saw moments when Steele moved either too slow or sped up his delivery as he searched for the adjustment in a nearly troublesome opening frame.

Steele escaped the inning behind a timely double play shortstop Dansby Swanson deftly started with runners on first and second, snagging a 107.4-mph one-hopper off William Contreras' bat. After a chat with Hottovy between innings, everything clicked for Steele.

"I definitely found a rhythm," Steele said. "Once I got going, I was in a groove and got comfortable out there."

Steele completed six shutout innings, scattering three hits, striking out eight and walking one batter. The Cubs failed to capitalize on Steele's performance in a 3-1 loss.

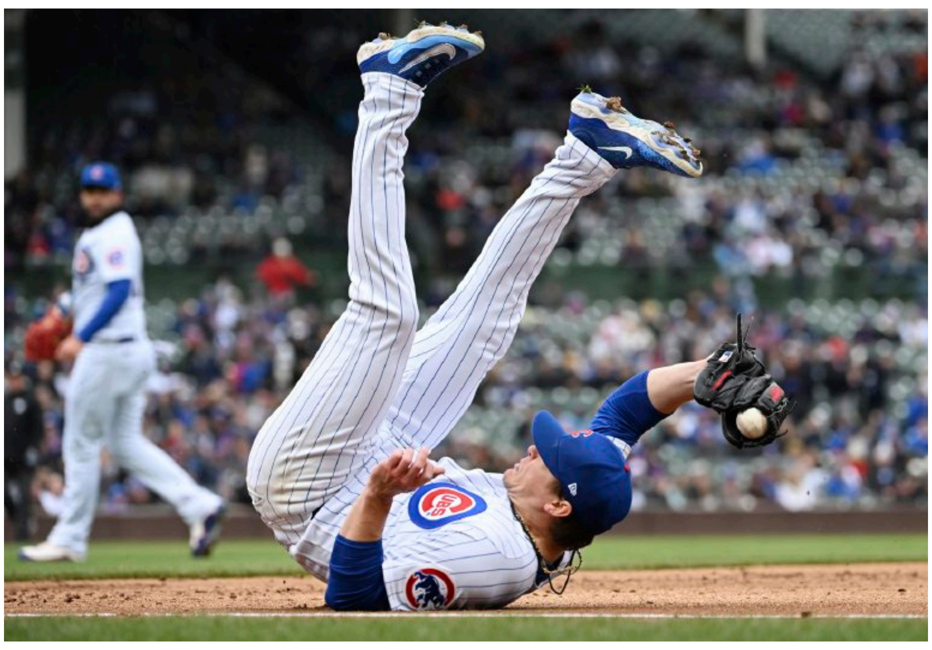
Steele's start was part of a 16-inning scoreless streak to start the season by the Cubs pitching staff, the second-longest in franchise history.

"He threw a phenomenal game," manager David Ross said. "That's as good as we've seen him.

"There's some deception in there, the stuff we can't measure, and then the late movement. … He's so tough on lefties with the angle."

Only two Cubs had hits Saturday. Swanson, after finishing with just five hits in 17 Cactus League games, produced his second consecutive three-hit game, while Ian Happ homered into the right-field basket in the sixth and singled in the ninth to bring the tying run to the plate.

The Brewers rallied with a three-run eighth against right-handers Javier Assad and Michael Fulmer. Contreras' two-out single off Fulmer to right field with the bases loaded broke the tie. The ball fell in front of Miles Mastrobuoni, who was inserted before the inning as a defensive replacement.



Cubs starting pitcher Justin Steele falls to the ground after getting an out at first during the third inning against the Brewers on Saturday at Wrigley Field. Steele threw six scoreless innings in the Cubs' 3-1 loss. **QUINN HARRIS/AP**

"Looking back on it, you definitely want to dive and leave all uncertainty out there," Mastrobuoni said. "Maybe a little bit late on the jump, but I thought I had a good track on it. It seemed it kept pushing away from me. … For some reason in my head it told me to shut it down and keep the ball in front of me and not let that extra run score."

Steele predominately relied on a two-pitch mix against a Brewers lineup he has dominated in his career. In 11 starts, Steele has held them to 12 runs in 48 ⅓ innings (2.23 ERA).

His ability to manipulate the pitch shape of his slider, at times producing sweeper or curveball movement, and alter the cut on his fastball creates a more complex pitch profile that challenges hitters.

"It's a unique mix because you wouldn't typically, in my opinion, throw a bunch of down-and-inside sliders to right-handed hitters, or down-and-in fastballs to right-handed hitters, without having some damage every once in a while, but that's where his stuff works so well," catcher Tucker Barnhart said. "Guys just smother it and hit a bunch of ground balls."

Steele and Barnhart did not alter their approach in how they attacked Brewers hitters as the game progressed. Saturday's start is another building block in Steele's development and, by extension, could affect how this season trends for the Cubs.

It's a testament to both Steele's stuff and not overthinking what was working Saturday.

"You can make it really complicated really quickly and do it in an unnecessary fashion," Barnhart said. "I thought he did a phenomenal job of being able to mix both of those pitches he threw — a majority were fastballs and sliders to his glove side.

"It's a hell of a start to build on."

NCAA TOURNAMENT
FINAL FOUR

Houston, we have a final: UConn, SDSU vie for title

By John Marshall | Associated Press

HOUSTON — San Diego State's vaunted defense staggered well into the second half as free-flowing Florida Atlantic breezed to a 14-point lead.

The Aztecs found their teeth again to get back into the game. Then Lamont Butler delivered at the very end.

Butler hit a buzzer-beating jumper for the ages, sending San Diego State to its first national championship game with a 72-71 win over fellow mid-major Florida Atlantic in the Final Four on Saturday night.

"I didn't really know how big it was," Butler said after his calm reaction to one of the greatest shots in NCAA Tournament history. "We're going to the national championship. That's not things many people do."

A diabolical defense had pushed San Diego State (32-6) all the way to the final stop for the NCAA tourney. The Aztecs bumped and harassed opponents all season to create the first all-mid-major national semifinal since VCU and Butler in 2011.

The swaggy Owls (35-4) seemed to have solved San Diego State's vaunted defense, using constant movement and ball reversals to create mismatches they could exploit.

San Diego State found its defensive mojo midway through the second half, clamping down on the Owls while whittling their lead down to one on Jaedown LeDee's short jumper with 36 seconds left.

When FAU's Johnell Davis missed a contested layup, San Diego State coach Brian Dutcher opted to not call timeout, joking that he didn't have any plays left.

All he had to do was get the ball to Butler.

The clock ticking down, Butler dribbled to the baseline, found that cut off and circled back. He stepped back to create a little room and hit a jumper that sent the Aztecs racing out onto the floor and had San Diego Padres fans going wild at Petco Park.

Butler's winning buzzer-beater was the first for the Final Four since Jalen Suggs for Gonzaga against UCLA in 2021 and No. 5 overall. But it is the only one of the five when the winning team was trailing at the time of the shot.

Next up for the Mountain West's first Final Four team is a chance to win the conference's first national title Monday night.

"We've always been knocked down," said San Diego State's Matt Bradley, who had 21 points after struggling in the previous three games. "But the biggest thing we always do is get back up and keep fighting."

San Diego State had been building toward this since coach Brian Dutcher took over for his longtime mentor Steve Fisher. Dutcher followed the mold Fisher had created, adding an extra dose of nasty to the defense.

The Aztecs lost an opportunity when they were in position for a No. 1 seed in the 2020 NCAA Tournament, only to have it wiped out by the pandemic.

San Diego State followed a pair of NCAA Tournament first-round flameouts with a solid 2023 season, winning 27 games to earn a No. 5 seed in the East Region in this year's bracket.

Once the NCAA Tournament started, the Aztecs ramped up their defense even more, holding their first four opponents to an average of 57 points per game and 17% shooting from the 3-point arc.

FAU found an answer through quick ball movement, with the occasional dump into the post to keep the Aztecs honest.

The result: The Owls led 40-33 at halftime after hitting 5 of 11 from 3-point range against a defense that held its previous two NCAA Tournament opponents to 5-of-44 shooting from the arc.

UConn 72, Miami 59: UConn doled out another drama-free basketball beatdown Saturday, getting 21 points and 10 rebounds from Adama Sanogo to dispatch Miami 72-59 and move one win from the school's fifth national title.

Jordan Hawkins overcame his stomach bug and scored 13 for the Huskies, who came into this most unexpected Final Four as the only team with any experience on college basketball's final weekend and with the best seeding of the four teams in Houston — at No. 4.

Against fifth-seeded Miami, they were the best team on the court from beginning to end. Starting with three straight 3s — one jumper from Hawkins and two set shots from Sanogo — UConn took a quick 9-0 lead and never trailed.

SDSU's Lamont Butler celebrates with teammates after hitting the winning shot against FAU on Saturday in Houston. **BRYNN ANDERSON/AP**

BASEBALL

American League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Tampa Bay	2	0	1.000	—	—	2-0	W-2	2-0	0-0
Baltimore	1	1	.500	1	—	1-1	L-1	0-0	1-1
Boston	1	1	.500	1	—	1-1	W-1	1-1	0-0
New York	1	1	.500	1	—	1-1	L-1	1-1	0-0
Toronto	1	1	.500	1	—	1-1	L-1	0-0	1-1

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Minnesota	2	0	1.000	—	—	2-0	W-2	0-0	2-0
Cleveland	1	1	.500	1	—	1-1	W-1	0-0	1-1
Chicago	1	2	.333	1½	½	1-2	L-2	0-0	1-2
Detroit	0	2	.000	2	1	0-2	L-2	0-0	0-2
Kansas City	0	2	.000	2	1	0-2	L-2	0-2	0-0

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Texas	2	0	1.000	—	—	2-0	W-2	2-0	0-0
Houston	2	1	.667	½	+½	2-1	W-2	2-1	0-0
Los Angeles	1	1	.500	1	—	1-1	W-1	0-0	1-1
Oakland	1	1	.500	1	—	1-1	L-1	1-1	0-0
Seattle	1	1	.500	1	—	1-1	L-1	1-1	0-0

National League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Atlanta	2	0	1.000	—	—	2-0	W-2	0-0	2-0
New York	2	1	.667	½	+½	2-1	W-1	0-0	2-1
Miami	1	2	.333	1½	½	1-2	L-1	1-2	0-0
Philadelphia	0	2	.000	2	1	0-2	L-2	0-0	0-2
Washington	0	2	.000	2	1	0-2	L-2	0-2	0-0

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Chicago	1	1	.500	—	—	1-1	L-1	1-1	0-0
Cincinnati	1	1	.500	—	—	1-1	W-1	1-1	0-0
Milwaukee	1	1	.500	—	—	1-1	W-1	0-0	1-1
Pittsburgh	1	1	.500	—	—	1-1	L-1	0-0	1-1
St. Louis	1	1	.500	—	—	1-1	W-1	1-1	0-0

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Colorado	2	0	1.000	—	—	2-0	W-2	0-0	2-0
Arizona	1	1	.500	1	—	1-1	W-1	0-0	1-1
Los Angeles	1	1	.500	1	—	1-1	L-1	1-1	0-0
San Francisco	1	1	.500	1	—	1-1	W-1	0-0	1-1
San Diego	0	2	.000	2	1	0-2	L-2	0-2	0-0

BOX SCORES

ATLANTA 7, WASHINGTON 1

Atlanta	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Acuna Jr. rf	5	1	1	1	1	.273
Olson 1b	3	2	2	3	1	.500
Riley 3b	4	1	1	0	2	.167
Albies 2b	3	0	1	0	0	.375
Harris II cf	4	0	1	1	0	.250
d'Arnaud c	4	0	1	0	1	.556
Rosario lf	4	0	0	0	2	.000
Ozuna dh	4	1	1	1	1	.125
Arcia ss	4	2	3	0	0	.500
TOTALS	**35**	**7**	**11**	**6**	**8**	

Washington	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Garcia 2b	4	0	0	0	1	.000
Meneses dh	4	0	0	0	3	.222
Smith 1b	3	0	0	0	2	.333
Ruiz c	4	1	2	1	1	.500
Dickerson lf	2	0	0	0	2	.000
Vargas lf	1	0	0	0	0	.000
Candelario 3b	4	0	0	0	2	.000
Thomas rf	3	0	2	0	0	.375
Abrams ss	3	0	0	0	0	.000
Robles cf	2	0	1	0	0	.500
TOTALS	**30**	**1**	**5**	**1**	**11**	

		R	H	E
Atlanta	**202 100 200**	**7**	**11**	**0**
Washington	**000 000 001**	**1**	**5**	**0**

LOB: Atlanta 3, Washington 5.
2B: Thomas (1).

HR: Acuna Jr. (1), off Gray; Olson (1), off Gray; Ozuna (1), off Gray; Olson (2), off Ward; Ruiz (1), off Yates.
RBIs: Acuna Jr. (1), Olson 3(3), Harris II (1), Ozuna (1), Ruiz (1).

Runners left in scoring position: Atlanta 1(d'Arnaud); Washington 2 (Garcia, Candelario).
RISP: Atlanta 1for 2; Washington 0 for 4.
GIDP: Riley, Acuna Jr., Harris II, Garcia.

DP: Atlanta 2(Albies, Arcia, Olson; Arcia, Olson); Washington 3(Abrams, Smith; Candelario, Garcia, Smith; Candelario, Garcia, Smith).

ATLANTA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Strider, W, 1-0	6	3	0	0	3	9	0.00
Anderson	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.00
Jimenez	1	1	0	0	0	1	0.00
Yates	1	1	1	1	0	0	9.00

WASHINGTON	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Gray, L, 0-1	5	7	5	5	2	4	9.00
Banda	1	1	0	0	0	1	0.00
Ward	2	2	2	2	0	2	9.00
Harris	1	1	0	0	0	1	0.00

WP: Strider, Gray.

Umpires: Home, Phil Cuzzi; First, Mark Ripperger; Second, Shane Livensparger; Third, Dan Bellino.

T: 2:21.
A: 27,529(41,376).

TEXAS 16, PHILADELPHIA 3

Philadelphia	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Turner ss	5	1	2	0	1	.333
Schwarber lf	4	0	0	1	1	.000
Realmuto c	2	1	1	0	0	.571
a-Stubbs ph-c	1	0	0	0	0	.000
Hall 1b	3	1	2	0	0	.286
b-Harrison ph-3b-p	1	0	0	0	0	.000
Castellanos dh	4	0	2	2	1	.444
Sosa 3b	0	0	0	0	0	---
Stott 2b	4	0	2	0	0	.375
Bohm 3b-1b	3	0	0	0	0	.429
Cave rf	3	0	0	0	1	.000
Marsh cf	3	0	0	0	2	.286
d-Pache ph	1	0	0	0	1	.000
TOTALS	**34**	**3**	**9**	**3**	**7**	

Texas	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Semien 2b	5	2	1	2	2	.300
Seager ss	4	0	1	1	1	.286
Hearn p	0	0	0	0	0	---
Lowe 1b	6	2	3	2	1	.444
Garcia cf	4	2	3	1	1	.625
1-Jankwski pr-cf	1	0	1	1	0	1.000
Jung 3b	5	2	1	0	2	.125
Grossman rf	3	1	2	2	1	.500
Thompson rf	1	1	1	0	0	.333
Garver c	4	3	2	6	1	.500
Miller dh	3	1	1	0	0	.286
c-Duran ph-lf	1	0	0	0	1	.000
J.Smith lf-ss	3	2	1	0	2	.250
TOTALS	**40**	**16**	**17**	**15**	**12**	

		R	H	E
Philadelphia	**000 210 000**	**3**	**9**	**2**
Texas	**202 030 63x**	**16**	**17**	**0**

a-popped out for Realmuto in the 8th. b-grounded out for Hall in the 8th. c-struck out for Miller in the 8th. d-struck out for Marsh in the 9th. 1-ran for Garcia in the 7th. **E:** Turner (1), Bohm (1). **LOB:** Philadelphia 7, Texas 10. **2B:** Hall (1), Castellanos 2 (3), Stott (1), Lowe (1), Thompson (1). 3B: Turner (2). HR: Semien (1), off Wheeler; Garver (1), off Marte; Garver (2), off Dominguez. **RBIs:** Castellanos 2(2), Schwarber (1), Semien 2(2), Grossman 2(5), Garver 6(6), Seager (1), Lowe 2(3), Garcia (3), Jankowski (1). SB: Cave (1). SF: Grossman, Seager, Semien. **Runners left in scoring position:** Philadelphia 4(Stott, Schwarber, Marsh 2); Texas 3(Jung 2, Garver). **RISP:** Philadelphia 2for 9; Texas 7for 16. **Runners moved up:** Turner, Schwarber, Lowe. **GIDP:** Bohm. **DP:** Texas 1(Seager, Semien, Lowe).

PHILADELPHIA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Wheeler, L, 0-1	4⅓	7	5	4	1	7	8.31
Marte	⅔	2	2	2	1	2	27.00
Alvarado	1	1	0	0	0	2	0.00
Dominguez	0	3	6	4	1	0	Inf
Bellatti	1	1	0	0	0	0	0.00
Kimbrel	⅓	1	3	3	2	1	81.00
Harrison	⅔	2	0	0	1	0	0.00

TEXAS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Eovaldi, W, 1-0	5	6	3	3	2	6	5.40
Dunning, H, 1	3	3	0	0	0	0	0.00
Hearn	1	0	0	0	1	1	0.00

Dominguez pitched to 6batters in the 7th Inherited runners-scored: Marte 1-1, Bellatti 3-3, Harrison 3-3. **HBP:** Dominguez (J.Smith). PB: Stubbs (1). **Umpires:** Home, CB Bucknor; First, Chris Segal; Second, Ben May; Third, Jeff Nelson. T: 3:10. **A:** 31,916(40,000).

AMERICAN LEAGUE LEADERS

Through Friday

Batter, Team	G	AB	H	R	Pct.
Rtschmn Bal	1	5	5	1	1.000
Springer Tor	1	6	5	4	.833
Meadows Det	1	4	3	0	.750
Bichette Tor	1	6	4	2	.667
Mateo Bal	1	3	2	2	.667
A.Díaz Oak	1	3	2	0	.667
Chapman Tor	1	5	3	0	.600
France Sea	2	7	4	2	.571
Guerrero Jr. Tor	1	4	2	0	.500
Franco TB	1	4	2	1	.500

HOME RUNS
12tied at 1.

MILWAUKEE 3, CHICAGO CUBS 1

Milwaukee	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Brosseau 3b	3	0	0	0	0	.000
Adames ss	3	0	0	0	2	.167
Yelich lf	4	0	1	0	3	.167
Contreras c	4	0	1	2	1	.250
Voit dh	4	0	0	0	2	.000
Tellez 1b	4	0	0	0	4	.000
Anderson rf	3	1	1	0	0	.400
Miller 2b	2	0	1	0	0	.500
a-Mitchell ph-cf	1	1	0	0	0	.000
Wiemer cf	2	0	1	0	0	.500
b-Winker ph	1	0	1	1	0	.200
1-Turang pr-2b	1	1	0	0	1	.250
TOTALS	**32**	**3**	**6**	**3**	**13**	

Chicago	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Hoerner 2b	4	0	0	0	0	.125
Swanson ss	4	0	3	0	0	.750
Happ lf	4	1	2	1	2	.500
Bellinger cf	4	0	0	0	2	.000
Mancini rf	3	0	0	0	1	.167
Mastrobuoni rf	1	0	0	0	1	.000
Rios dh	2	0	0	0	1	.000
Hosmer 1b	3	0	0	0	2	.000
Madrigal 3b	3	0	0	0	0	.000
Barnhart c	2	0	0	0	1	.000
c-Torrens ph-c	1	0	0	0	0	.000
TOTALS	**31**	**1**	**5**	**1**	**10**	

		R	H	E
Milwaukee	**000 000 030**	**3**	**6**	**0**
Chicago	**000 001 000**	**1**	**5**	**0**

a-walked for Miller in the 8th.
b-singled for Wiemer in the 8th.
c-grounded out for Barnhart in the 8th.
1-ran for Winker in the 8th.
LOB: Milwaukee 6, Chicago 4.
2B: Wiemer (1), Swanson (1).
HR: Happ (1), off Woodruff.
RBIs: Winker (1), Contreras 2(2), Happ (1).
SB: Turang (1).
Runners left in scoring position: Milwaukee 2(Voit, Adames); Chicago 2 (Mastrobuoni, Mancini).
RISP: Milwaukee 2for 8; Chicago 0for 5.
Runners moved up: Bellinger.
GIDP: Contreras, Bellinger.
DP: Milwaukee 1(Turang, Adames, Tellez); Chicago 1(Swanson, Hoerner, Hosmer).

MILWAUKEE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Woodruff	6	3	1	1	1	8	1.50
Strzelecki, W, 1-0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.00
Bush, H, 1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Williams, S, 1-1	1	2	0	0	0	1	0.00

CHICAGO	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Steele	6	3	0	0	1	8	0.00
Assad, L, 0-1, BS, 0-1	1⅓	2	3	3	1		20
Fulmer	⅓	1	0	0	1	1	0.00
Rucker	⅓	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Leiter Jr.	1	0	0	0	1	2	0.00

Inherited runners-scored: Fulmer 2-2, Rucker 2-0.
Umpires: Home, Cory Blaser; First, Carlos Torres; Second, Jansen Visconti; Third, Ron Kulpa.
T: 2:32.
A: 31,363(41,363).

BOSTON 9, BALTIMORE 8

Baltimore	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Urias 2b	5	0	0	0	5	.222
Frazier 2b	0	0	0	0	0	.500
Rutschman c	5	1	1	0	0	.600
Mountcastle 1b	5	2	2	2	2	.333
Santander dh	5	1	2	1	1	.364
Hays rf	5	2	5	1	0	.500
Henderson 3b	2	0	0	0	1	.000
Mateo ss	4	1	0	1	1	.286
Mullins cf	4	1	2	3	0	.375
McKenna lf	3	0	1	0	1	.333
TOTALS	**38**	**8**	**13**	**8**	**11**	

Boston	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Verdugo rf	5	1	1	2	1	.300
Chang 2b	0	0	0	0	0	---
Devers 3b	5	1	3	0	1	.500
Turner dh	4	1	2	0	0	.500
Yoshida lf	5	1	0	0	1	.222
Duvall cf	5	3	4	5	0	.556
Casas 1b	3	0	0	0	2	.000
Arroyo 2b	3	0	0	0	2	.143
a-Tapia ph-rf	1	0	0	0	0	.000
McGuire c	4	0	0	0	1	.167
Hernandez ss	2	2	1	1	0	.200
TOTALS	**37**	**9**	**11**	**8**	**8**	

		R	H	E
Baltimore	**304 100 000**	**8**	**13**	**1**
Boston	**014 000 202**	**9**	**11**	**0**

Two outs when winning run scored. a-grounded out for Arroyo in the 8th. **E:** McKenna (1). **LOB:** Baltimore 8, Boston 6. **2B:** Santander (2), Hays 2 (2), Turner (1), Devers (2), Duvall (1). 3B: Duvall (1). HR: Mountcastle (1), off Sale; Hays (1), off Sale; Mullins (1), off Sale; Verdugo (1), off Kremer; Duvall (1), off Kremer; Hernandez (1), off Voth; Duvall (2), off Bautista. **RBIs:** Mountcastle 2(3), Hays (1), Mateo (2), Mullins 3(4), Santander (1), Verdugo 2(2), Duvall 5(6), Hernandez (1). SB: Mullins (3), Mateo 2(4), McKenna (1), Hays (1). **Runners left in scoring position:** Baltimore 5(Urias, Henderson, Mateo, Rutschman 2); Boston 2(Casas 2). **RISP:** Baltimore 1for 10; Boston 3 for 6. **Runners moved up:** Yoshida. **GIDP:** Mullins. **DP:** Boston 1(Hernandez, Arroyo, Casas).

BALTIMORE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Kremer	3	6	5	5	1	3	15.00
Baumann	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Coulombe, H, 1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.00
Voth, H, 1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9.00
Perez, H, 1	1	3	1	1	0	2	4.50
Gillaspie, H, 2	⅔	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Akin, H, 1	⅓	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Bautista, L, 0-1, BS, 1-2	⅔	1	2	0	0	1	5.40

BOSTON	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Sale	3	7	7	7	2	6	21.00
Kelly	1	3	1	1	0	0	5.40
Winckowski	2	1	0	0	0	2	0.00
Schreiber	1	1	0	0	1	0	0.00
Martin	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.00
Jansen, W, 1-0	1	1	0	0	1	2	0.00

Inherited runners-scored: Akin 1-0. **HBP:** Sale (McKenna), Coulombe (Turner), Gillaspie (Hernandez). **WP:** Kremer. **Umpires:** Home, Will Little; First, Ryan Additon; Second, Dan Merzel; Third, Lance Barksdale. T: 3:04. **A:** 29,062(37,755).

RUNS BATTED IN
Kwan, Cleveland, 5; Rutschman, Baltimore, 4; Alvarez, Houston, 4; Grossman, Texas, 3; Guerrero Jr., Toronto, 3; France, Seattle, 3; 14tied at 2.

PITCHING
Cole, New York, 1-0; McClanahan, Tampa Bay, 1-0; P.López, Minnesota, 1-0; Gibson, Baltimore, 1-0; Sandlin, Cleveland, 1-0; Y.García, Toronto, 1-0; Martinez, Houston, 1-0; May, Oakland, 1-0; Sewald, Seattle, 1-0; Ragans, Texas, 1-0.

HOUSTON 6, CHICAGO WHITE SOX 4

Chicago	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Anderson ss	5	1	2	0	2	.462
Robert Jr. cf	5	0	0	0	1	.214
Benintendi lf	5	0	2	0	2	.286
Jimenez dh	3	0	1	1	0	.250
Moncada 3b	5	1	1	1	3	.357
Vaughn 1b	3	0	0	0	1	.143
Colas rf	4	1	2	0	1	.333
Andrus 2b	4	0	0	0	1	.167
Zavala c	3	1	2	2	1	.667
a-Grandal ph	0	0	0	0	0	.250
TOTALS	**37**	**4**	**10**	**4**	**12**	

Houston	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Pena ss	4	1	2	1	0	.364
Bregman 3b	5	0	0	0	2	.000
Alvarez dh	5	2	3	1	1	.455
J.Abreu 1b	5	0	2	1	3	.333
Tucker rf	5	0	2	2	0	.300
McCormick cf	2	0	1	1	0	.500
Hensley 2b	4	1	0	0	1	.286
Diaz c	2	1	0	0	0	.000
Julks lf	4	1	1	0	1	.250
TOTALS	**36**	**6**	**11**	**6**	**8**	

		R	H	E
Chicago	**010 200 001**	**4**	**10**	**1**
Houston	**200 100 12x**	**6**	**11**	**0**

a-walked for Zavala in the 9th.

E: Moncada (1).
LOB: Chicago 10, Houston 11.
2B: Pena (1).

HR: Moncada (1), off Urquidy; Zavala (1), off Urquidy.
RBIs: Moncada (2), Zavala 2(2), Jimenez (3), Tucker 2(4), McCormick (1), Pena (1), Alvarez (5), J.Abreu (1).

SB: Benintendi (1), Anderson (2), McCormick (1).
Runners left in scoring position: Chicago 6(Robert Jr., Zavala, Andrus, Moncada 3); Houston 7(Bregman, Julks, Hensley 3, Tucker, Alvarez).
RISP: Chicago 2for 9; Houston 6for 19.
Runners moved up: Andrus.

CHICAGO	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Giolito	5	5	3	2	1	6	3.60
Lambert	⅔	0	0	0	1	1	0.00
Kelly, L, 0-1	1	2	1	1	0	1	9.00
Ruiz	⅔	2	2	2	1	0	10.80
Santos	⅔	2	0	0	0	0	0.00

HOUSTON	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Urquidy	4	7	3	3	1	5	6.75
Stanek, W, 1-0	1⅔	1	0	0	1	1	0.00
Neris, S, 1-1	1⅓	2	1	1	1	2	3.86

Inherited runners-scored: Kelly 1-0, Ruiz 2-1, Santos 2-2, Neris 2-0.

HBP: Giolito (Pena), Ruiz (Diaz). PB: Zavala (1).

Umpires: Home, Chad Whitson; First, Roberto Ortiz; Second, Bill Miller; Third, Rob Drake.
T: 3:11.
A: 37,519(41,000).

N.Y. METS 6, MIAMI 2

New York	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Nimmo cf	3	0	1	0	0	.222
Lindor ss	5	0	1	0	2	.182
McNeil rf-2b	5	1	1	0	0	.231
Alonso 1b	3	2	2	1	0	.273
Vogelbach dh	4	0	0	0	1	.167
a-Pham ph-dh	1	0	1	0	0	.200
Canha lf	4	3	3	2	0	.300
Guillorme 2b	3	0	0	0	1	.000
b-Marte ph-rf	1	0	1	1	0	.556
Escobar 3b	5	0	0	0	1	.083
Narvaez c	4	0	2	2	0	.429
TOTALS	**38**	**6**	**12**	**6**	**5**	

Miami	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Arraez 2b	5	0	4	0	0	.583
Soler dh	4	0	0	0	2	.250
Cooper 1b	5	0	1	0	2	.385
Chisholm Jr. cf	3	0	1	0	1	.182
De La Cruz lf	4	0	0	0	1	.000
Segura 3b	4	0	1	0	2	.091
Sanchez rf	3	1	1	0	1	.333
Fortes c	4	1	2	2	1	.429
Wendle ss	4	0	0	0	2	.000
TOTALS	**36**	**2**	**10**	**2**	**12**	

		R	H	E
New York	**010 120 101**	**6**	**12**	**0**
Miami	**020 000 000**	**2**	**10**	**0**

a-singled for Vogelbach in the 9th.
b-doubled for Guillorme in the 9th.

LOB: New York 12, Miami 10.
2B: Canha (1), McNeil (1), Alonso (1), Lindor (1), Marte (1), Sanchez (1), Chisholm Jr. (1).

HR: Canha (1), off Garrett; Fortes (1), off Megill.
RBIs: Narvaez 2(2), Alonso (2), Canha 2 (2), Marte (1), Fortes 2(2).
SB: Nimmo (1).
SF: Narvaez.
Runners left in scoring position: New York 8(Narvaez 2, Lindor, Nimmo, McNeil 3, Vogelbach); Miami 6 (Chisholm Jr., Wendle 2, De La Cruz 3). **RISP:** New York 4for 15; Miami 0 for 7. **Runners moved up:** Escobar 2, Guillorme, Vogelbach, Fortes. **GIDP:** Cooper. **DP:** New York 1(Escobar, McNeil, Alonso).

NEW YORK	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Megill, W, 1-0	5	6	2	2	2	7	3.60
Santana, H, 1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0.00
Smith, H, 2	⅔	1	0	0	1	0	0.00
Raley, H, 2	⅓	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Ottavino, H, 1	1	2	0	0	0	2	0.00
Robertson	1	1	0	0	0	1	0.00

MIAMI	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Cabrera	4	2	2	2	6	2	4.50
Nardi, L, 0-1	1	3	2	2	0	1	13.50
Barnes	1	1	0	0	0	1	0.00
Garrett	3	6	2	2	0	1	6.00

Inherited runners-scored: Raley 2-0.
PB: Narvaez (1).

Umpires: Home, David Rackley; First, Edwin Moscoso; Second, Larry Vanover; Third, Chris Guccione.
T: 2:54.
A: 14,695(37,446).

NATIONAL LEAGUE LEADERS

Through Friday

Batter, Team	G	AB	H	R	Pct.
d'Arnaud Atl	1	5	4	2	.800
Swanson ChC	1	4	3	1	.750
Bohm Phi	1	4	3	2	.750
Cron Col	2	7	5	2	.714
Bae Pit	1	3	2	2	.667
Do.Smith Was	1	3	2	1	.667
Realmuto Phi	1	5	3	1	.600
W.Smith LAD	2	7	4	1	.571
Kim SD	2	7	4	1	.571
Bogaerts SD	2	7	4	1	.571

TAMPA BAY 12, DETROIT 2

Detroit	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Maton 3b	3	0	0	0	1	.000
Greene cf	4	0	0	0	2	.143
Baez ss	3	0	0	0	1	.167
Kreidler ss	1	0	0	0	0	.000
Carpenter rf	4	2	2	0	2	.500
Meadows lf	3	0	1	1	1	.571
Rogers c	1	0	0	0	1	.000
Torkelson 1b	4	0	1	0	1	.125
Cabrera dh	3	0	1	1	0	.286
McKinstry 2b	4	0	1	0	1	.200
Haase c-lf	4	0	0	0	0	.000
TOTALS	**34**	**2**	**6**	**2**	**10**	

Tampa Bay	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Diaz 1b	4	3	3	3	1	.500
B.Lowe 2b	2	0	1	0	0	.250
a-Paredes ph-3b	2	0	0	0	2	.167
Arozarena lf	3	2	1	1	2	.286
Franco ss	4	1	3	3	1	.625
Raley dh	4	0	0	0	3	.167
Siri cf	5	1	1	2	1	.250
Walls 3b-2b	4	2	1	0	2	.200
J.Lowe rf	4	1	2	2	2	.500
Mejia c	4	2	1	1	1	.250
TOTALS	**36**	**12**	**13**	**12**	**15**	

		R	H	E
Detroit	**000 101 000**	**2**	**6**	**1**
Tampa Bay	**107 200 20x**	**12**	**13**	**2**

a-struck out for B.Lowe in the 4th.
E: Haase (1), Walls (1), Paredes (1).
LOB: Detroit 7, Tampa Bay 9.
2B: Carpenter 2(2), Arozarena (1), J.Lowe 2(2), Franco 2(2), Siri (1), Diaz (1).

HR: Diaz (1), off Alexander.
RBIs: Cabrera (1), Meadows (1), Arozarena (2), Siri 2(3), J.Lowe 2(2), Mejia (1), Diaz 3(3), Franco 3(4).

Runners left in scoring position: Detroit 2(McKinstry, Haase); Tampa Bay 4(Siri 2, Raley, B.Lowe).
RISP: Detroit 2for 7; Tampa Bay 8for 16.
Runners moved up: Meadows.
GIDP: Cabrera, Siri. **DP:** Detroit 1(Baez, McKinstry, Torkelson); Tampa Bay 1 (Franco, Walls, Diaz).

DETROIT	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Turnbull, L, 0-1	2⅓	8	7	7	3	3	27.00
Wingenter	⅓	2	1	1	1	1	27.00
Alexander	3⅓	2	2	2	0	7	5.40
Hill	1	1	2	2	2	3	18.00
Cisnero	1	0	0	0	1	1	0.00

TAMPA BAY	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Eflin, W, 1-0	5	3	1	1	1	5	1.80
Kelly	2	2	1	1	0	1	4.50
Cleavinger	1	0	0	0	0	2	0.00
Faucher	1	1	0	0	1	2	0.00

Inherited runners-scored: Wingenter 1-1, Alexander 3-0.
HBP: Turnbull (Arozarena), Wingenter (Raley).
WP: Turnbull, Wingenter.

Umpires: Home, Vic Carapazza; First, Nick Mahrley; Second, Adam Hamari; Third, Jerry Layne. T: 2:48. **A:** 20,204 (25,025).

SAN FRANCISCO 7, N.Y. YANKEES 5

San Francisco	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Wade Jr. 1b	3	0	1	1	1	.167
Conforto rf	5	0	0	0	3	.111
Estrada 2b	5	0	1	1	0	.333
Pederson dh	4	2	2	1	2	.286
Yastrzemski cf-lf	5	2	2	1	2	.286
Villar 3b	5	1	2	0	1	.333
Crawford ss	5	2	3	3	1	.375
Sabol lf	2	0	1	0	0	.250
Johnson cf	1	0	0	0	0	.000
Perez c	4	0	0	0	3	.167
TOTALS	**39**	**7**	**12**	**7**	**13**	

New York	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
LeMahieu dh	4	1	1	0	2	.250
Judge cf	5	1	3	1	1	.556
Rizzo 1b	3	0	1	1	1	.286
Stanton rf	5	1	1	1	0	.222
Donaldson 3b	4	1	1	1	2	.250
Torres 2b	4	0	0	0	1	.143
Cabrera lf	4	0	1	0	0	.125
Trevino c	3	0	0	0	0	.167
a-Hicks ph	1	0	0	0	1	.000
Volpe ss	4	1	2	0	1	.333
TOTALS	**37**	**5**	**10**	**4**	**9**	

		R	H	E
San Francisco	**000 302 002**	**7**	**12**	**1**
New York	**101 010 011**	**5**	**10**	**0**

a-struck out for Trevino in the 9th.

E: Cobb (1).
LOB: San Francisco 10, New York 8.
2B: Yastrzemski 2(2), Crawford (1), LeMahieu (1), Rizzo (1).

HR: Pederson (1), off Schmidt; Crawford (1), off Schmidt; Stanton (1), off Cobb; Donaldson (1), off Ta.Rogers.
RBIs: Pederson (1), Crawford 3(3), Wade Jr. (1), Estrada (1), Yastrzemski (1), Stanton (1), Rizzo (1), Donaldson (1), Judge (3).
SB: Wade Jr. (1), Volpe (2), Crawford (1).
Runners left in scoring position: San Francisco 6(Pederson 3, Perez, Johnson, Conforto); New York 4(Torres 3, LeMahieu). **RISP:** San Francisco 4for 14; New York 3for 11. **Runners moved up:** Estrada, Villar. **GIDP:** Stanton. **DP:** San Francisco 1(Crawford, Estrada, Wade Jr.).

SAN FRANCISCO	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Cobb	3⅔	4	2	1	1	6	2.45
Junis, W, 1-0	2⅓	3	1	1	0	2	3.86
Brebbia, H, 1	1	0	0	0	0	0	4.50
Ta.Rogers, H, 1	1	1	1	1	0	0	9.00
Doval, S, 1-1	1	2	1	1	2	1	9.00

NEW YORK	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Schmidt	3⅓	5	3	3	1	5	8.10
Peralta	1	0	0	0	0	2	0.00
King, L, 0-1	1⅔	4	2	2	1	3	10.80
Abreu	2	0	0	0	1	3	0.00
Holmes	⅔	3	2	2	0	0	27.00
J.Cordero	⅓	0	0	0	0	0	0.00

Inherited runners-scored: Junis 1-0, J.Cordero 1-0.
HBP: Peralta (Sabol), King (Sabol). **WP:** Abreu. **Umpires:** Home, Andy Fletcher; First, Erich Bacchus; Second, Mike Estabrook; Third, Laz Diaz. T: 3:12. **A:** 41,642(47,309).

HOME RUNS
Cron, Colorado, 2; 14tied at 1.
RUNS BATTED IN
Cron, Colorado, 5; W.Smith, Los Angeles, 4; Bohm, Philadelphia, 3; Arenado, St. Louis, 3; Nimmo, New York, 3; 10 tied at 2.
PITCHING
Freeland, Colorado, 1-0; Márquez, Colorado, 1-0; Scherzer, New York, 1-0; Stroman, Chicago, 1-0; J.Urías, Los Angeles, 1-0; Luzardo, Miami, 1-0; Jameson, Arizona, 1-0; Zastryzny, Pittsburgh, 1-0;

TODAY'S PITCHING COMPARISON

INTERLEAGUE			2023			2022 VS OPP			LAST 3 STARTS		
TM	PITCHERS	TIME	W-L	ERA	REC	W-L	IP	ERA	W-L	IP	ERA
SF	Stripling (R)		0-0	0.00	0-0	0-1	7.2	4.70	2-0	15.0	3.60
NY	Brito (R)	12:35p	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-0	0.0	0.00
Tor	Bassitt (R)		0-0	0.00	0-0	1-0	12.1	2.92	2-1	16.2	3.24
StL	Montgomery (L)	1:15p	0-0	0.00	0-0	1-0	11.0	3.27	1-2	15.1	6.46
Phi	Falter (L)		0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-1	10.2	5.06
Tex	Perez (L)	6:08p	0-0	0.00	0-0	1-0	13.0	0.00	0-2	19.0	3.32

AMERICAN LEAGUE			2023			2022 VS OPP			LAST 3 STARTS		
TM	PITCHERS	TIME	W-L	ERA	REC	W-L	IP	ERA	W-L	IP	ERA
Det	Wentz (L)		0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-0	15.1	1.76
TB	Springs (L)	12:10p	0-0	0.00	0-0	1-0	6.0	0.00	0-1	14.0	2.57
Bal	Irvin (L)		0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-2	14.2	6.14
Bos	Houck (R)	12:35p	0-0	0.00	0-0	1-0	5.0	0.00	1-2	13.1	3.38
ChW	Clevinger (R)		0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	2-0	15.2	3.45
Hou	Garcia (R)	1:10p	0-0	0.00	0-0	1-0	5.0	5.40	3-0	17.0	1.06
Min	Ryan (R)		0-0	0.00	0-0	4-0	24.0	1.12	2-0	17.2	1.53
KC	Keller (R)	1:10p	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-2	14.0	6.43	1-2	14.2	10.43
LAA	Anderson (L)		0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-2	17.0	2.12
Oak	Waldichuk (L)	3:07p	0-0	0.00	0-0	1-0	7.0	0.00	2-0	17.0	2.65
Cle	Quantrill (R)		0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	3.0	6.00	2-0	17.0	1.59
Sea	Gonzales (L)	3:10p	0-0	0.00	0-0	1-0	6.0	1.50	0-1	17.0	5.29

NATIONAL LEAGUE			2023			2022 VS OPP			LAST 3 STARTS		
TM	PITCHERS	TIME	W-L	ERA	REC	W-L	IP	ERA	W-L	IP	ERA
Atl	Shuster (L)		0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-0	0.0	0.00
Was	Gore (L)	12:35p	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	5.1	3.38	0-1	14.0	5.79
NYM	Senga (R)		0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-0	0.0	0.00
Mia	Rogers (L)	12:40p	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-1	9.1	5.79	0-1	13.1	4.73
Pit	Velasquez (R)		0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-0	11.2	4.63
Cin	Ashcraft (R)	12:40p	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	6.2	4.05	0-3	12.0	12.00
Mil	Lauer (L)		0-0	0.00	0-0	2-0	22.0	3.27	1-0	13.2	1.32
ChC	Taillon (R)	1:20p	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-1	5.0	7.20	1-0	19.1	2.79
Ari	Davies (R)		0-0	0.00	0-0	0-2	21.2	5.82	0-1	12.1	4.38
LAD	Syndergaard (R)	3:10p	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	2-1	17.2	3.57
Col	Gomber (L)		0-0	0.00	0-0	1-0	9.1	0.96	1-0	14.0	2.57
SD	Lugo (R)	3:10p	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	4.0	0.00	0-0	0.0	0.00

RESULTS, SCHEDULE

AMERICAN LEAGUE

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Houston 6, Chi. White Sox 4
St. Louis 4, Toronto 1
Texas 16, Philadelphia 3
San Francisco 7, N.Y. Yankees 5
L.A. Angels 13, Oakland 1
Boston 9, Baltimore 8
Tampa Bay 12, Detroit 3
Minnesota 2, Kansas City 0
Cleveland at Seattle, late
MONDAY'S GAMES
San Francisco at Chi, White Sox, 3:10 p.m.
Minnesota at Miami, 5:40p.m.
Philadelphia at N.Y. Yankees, 6:05p.m.
Tampa Bay at Washington, 6:05p.m.
Pittsburgh at Boston, 6:10p.m.
Toronto at Kansas City, 6:40p.m.
Baltimore at Texas, 7:05p.m.
Detroit at Houston, 7:10p.m.
Cleveland at Oakland, 8:40p.m.
L.A. Angels at Seattle, 8:40p.m.
FRIDAY'S RESULTS
Houston 6, Chicago White Sox 3
Cleveland 9, Seattle 4

NATIONAL LEAGUE

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
St. Louis 4, Toronto 1
Milwaukee 3, Chicago Cubs 1
Atlanta 7, Washington 1
Texas 16, Philadelphia 3
San Francisco 7, N.Y. Yankees 5
N.Y. Mets 6, Miami 2
Cincinnati 6, Pittsburgh 2
Colorado at San Diego, late
Arizona at L.A. Dodgers, late
MONDAY'S GAMES
N.Y. Mets at Milwaukee, 1:10p.m.
San Francisco at Chi, White Sox, 3:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at Cincinnati, 5:40p.m.
Minnesota at Miami, 5:40p.m.
Philadelphia at N.Y. Yankees, 6:05p.m.
Tampa Bay at Washington, 6:05p.m.
Atlanta at St. Louis, 6:45p.m.
Arizona at San Diego, 8:40p.m.
Colorado at L.A. Dodgers, 9:10p.m.
FRIDAY'S RESULTS
Miami 2, N.Y. Mets 1
Colorado 4, San Diego 1
Arizona 2, L.A. Dodgers 1

AROUND THE HORN

■ **Mariners:** Robbie Ray was placed on the 15-day injured list Saturday by the Mariners because of a left flexor strain. Ray had a rocky first start on Friday night in a 9-4 loss to the Guardians. Ray failed to make it through the fourth inning, issued five walks and struggled badly with his control.

■ **Brewers:** Infielder Luis Urías was placed on the 10-day injured list by the Brewers on Saturday because of a strained left hamstring, and the team selected the contract of outfielder Joey Wiemer from Triple-A Nashville. "It's a solid hamstring strain, six to eight weeks, probably closer to eight, so it is significant," Brewers manager Craig Counsell said before Saturday's game against the Cubs. "It's unfortunate, but we will have to fill in around him, get him back in hopefully late May or early June." Urías was injured in Thursday's opener, when he went 0 for 4.

■ **Padres:** Two-time All-Star infielder Jake Cronenworth and the Padres agreed Saturday to an $80 million, seven-year contract coverig 2024-30. Cronenworth and the Padres reached a one-year deal in January for $4,225,000, and he would have been eligible for free agency after the 2025 season. He gets a $2 million signing bonus, $7 million next year, $11 million in 2025 and $12 million in each of the following four seasons. Cronenworth receives a limited no-trade provision allowing him to list eight teams he cannot be dealt to without his consent.

■ **Giants:** Catcher Gary Sánchez agreed to a minor league contract with the Giants and will report to Triple-A Sacramento. The Giants' major league catchers are Roberto Pérez and 2018 first-round pick Joey Bart. Sánchez was a two-time All-Star with the Yankees. The 30-year-old hit .299 with 20 homers in 2016 and hit .278 with 33 homers and 90 RBIs in 2017.

■ **Twins:** Sonny Gray combined in four-hitter, Jose Miranda had an RBI single, Kyle Farmer drove in another run with a sacrifice fly and the Twins beat the Royals 2-0 to open with consecutive shutouts for the first time in franchise history. Gray (1-0) allowed three hits and had a strikeout and four walks, all of which came in full-count situations. Relievers Jorge Alcalá, Griffin Jax, Caleb Thielbar and Jorge López held the Royals scoreless. Thielbar struck out three, and López got his first save of the year.

■ **Reds:** Jake Fraley came off the bench to hit a three-run homer, Kevin Newman had a two-run shot against his former team and the Reds beat the Pirates 6-2 on Saturday. Jonathan India added a solo homer and Nick Lodolo overcame a challenging first inning as the Reds snapped an eight-losing streak to the Pirates that dated to last season, when both teams lost 100 games. Lodolo (1-0) needed 109 pitches to navigate five innings. The Pirates reached the second-year lefty for seven hits and two runs. He finished with nine strikeouts and two walks. Lodolo retired seven of the last eight batters he faced.

■ **Angels:** Taylor Ward homered and drove in four runs, and the Angels scored 11 times in the third inning to beat the Athletics 13-1 on Saturday, spoiling the major league debut of pitcher Shintaro Fujinami. Shohei Ohtani had two hits and two RBIs for Los Angeles. Gio Urshela, Jake Lamb and rookie catcher Logan O'Hoppe drove in two runs apiece to help the Angels avoid an 0-2 start.

SCOREBOARD

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB
x-Boston	54	24	.692	—
x-Philadelphia	51	26	.662	2½
New York	45	33	.577	9
Brooklyn	42	35	.545	11½
Toronto	38	39	.494	15½

SOUTHEAST	W	L	PCT	GB
Miami	41	37	.526	—
Atlanta	38	39	.494	2½
Washington	34	43	.442	6½
Orlando	33	44	.429	7½
Charlotte	26	52	.333	15

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB
y-Milwaukee	55	22	.714	—
x-Cleveland	48	30	.615	7½
Chicago	37	40	.481	18
Indiana	34	44	.436	21½
Detroit	16	61	.208	39

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
y-Memphis	49	28	.636	—
New Orleans	40	38	.513	9½
Dallas	37	41	.474	12½
San Antonio	19	58	.247	30
Houston	19	59	.244	30½

NORTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
y-Denver	51	26	.662	—
Minnesota	39	39	.500	12½
Oklahoma City	38	40	.487	13½
Utah	36	41	.468	15
Portland	32	45	.416	19

PACIFIC	W	L	PCT	GB
x-Sacramento	47	30	.610	—
Phoenix	42	35	.545	5
Golden State	41	37	.526	6½
L.A. Clippers	41	38	.519	7
L.A. Lakers	39	38	.506	8

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Miami 129, Dallas 122
New Orleans 122, L.A. Clippers 114

SUNDAY'S GAMES
Toronto at Charlotte, noon
Memphis at Chicago, 2:30p.m.
Portland at Minnesota, 2:30p.m.
Utah at Brooklyn, 2:30p.m.
Dallas at Atlanta, 5p.m.
Detroit at Orlando, 5p.m.
San Antonio at Sacramento, 5p.m.
Washington at New York, 5p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Houston, 6p.m.
Phoenix at Oklahoma City, 6p.m.
Indiana at Cleveland, 7p.m.
Philadelphia at Milwaukee, 7p.m.
Golden State at Denver, 7:30p.m.

MONDAY'S GAMES
No games scheduled.

TUESDAY'S GAMES
Cleveland at Orlando, 6p.m.
Miami at Detroit, 6p.m.
Milwaukee at Washington, 6p.m.
Toronto at Charlotte, 6p.m.
Minnesota at Brooklyn, 6:30p.m.
Atlanta at Chicago, 7p.m.
Boston at Philadelphia, 7p.m.
Denver at Houston, 7p.m.
Portland at Memphis, 7p.m.
Sacramento at New Orleans, 7p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Utah, 8p.m.
Oklahoma City at Golden State, 9p.m.
San Antonio at Phoenix, 9p.m.

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
Chicago 121, Charlotte 91
Orlando 116, Washington 109
Philadelphia 117, Toronto 110
Indiana 121, Oklahoma City 117
Boston 122, Utah 114
Brooklyn 124, Atlanta 107
New York 130, Cleveland 116
Memphis 108, L.A. Clippers 94
L.A. Lakers 123, Minnesota 111
Houston 121, Detroit 115
Sacramento 138, Portland 114
Golden State 130, San Antonio 115
Phoenix 100, Denver 93

NAISMITH MEMORIAL BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME

Enshrinement Aug.11 and 12 at ceremonies in Connecticut and Massachusetts.
Dirk Nowitzki
Tony Parker
Pau Gasol
Dwyane Wade
Becky Hammon
Gregg Popovich
Gene Bess
Gary Blair
David Hixon
Gene Keady
Jimmy Valvano
1976 Olympic women's basketball team

XFL

NORTH	W	L	PCT	PF	PA
DC	6	1	.857	207	153
Seattle	5	2	.714	152	122
St. Louis	4	2	.667	139	112
Vegas	2	5	.286	137	175
SOUTH	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**PF**	**PA**
Houston	4	2	.667	162	113
Arlington	3	4	.429	93	125
San Antonio	2	5	.286	101	214
Orlando	1	6	.143	137	214

WEEK 7

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Vegas 26, San Antonio 12
Orlando 37, DC 36

SUNDAY'S GAME
St. Louis at Houston, 2p.m.

FRIDAY'S RESULT
Seattle 24, Arlington 15

WEEK 8

SATURDAY, APRIL 8
Vegas at St. Louis, 1p.m.
Arlington at Orlando, 4p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 9
Houston at San Antonio, 3p.m.
DC at Seattle, 7p.m.

XFL LEAGUE LEADERS

Through Friday; source: xfl.com

PASS YARDS	TM	YDS	TD	I	RAT
Ben DiNucci	Sea	1,771	12	9	85.0
A.J. McCarron	StL	1,322	14	4	102.2
Brandon Silvers	Hou	1,300	11	5	88.8
Luis Perez	LV	900	8	5	92.3
Jordan Ta'amu	DC	887	3	1	83.1
Paxton Lynch	Orl	748	4	1	88.8
Drew Pitt	ARL	668	3	5	71.6
Jack Coan	SA	667	5	4	70.1
Quinten Dormady	Orl	641	3	2	90.3
Kyle Sloter	Arl	499	1	4	59.8
Brett Hundley	LV	492	3	0	91.0

RECEIVING YARDS	TM	REC	YDS	TD	TG
Jahcour Pearson	Sea	45	479	1	62
Cody Latimer	Orl	33	395	3	44
Lucky Jackson	DC	24	385	1	37
Jeff Badet	LV	28	374	5	43
Hakeem Butler	StL	35	372	4	48
Deontay Burnett	Hou	21	344	4	39
Josh Gordon	Sea	23	340	4	39
Blake Jackson	Sea	34	328	2	45
Travell Harris	Hou	20	297	2	30
Sal Cannella	ARL	32	283	0	48
Darrius Shepherd	StL	27	270	3	37
Charleston Rambo	Orl	21	267	2	30
Jontre Kirklin	Hou	15	253	4	26

RUSHING YARDS	TM	ATT	YDS	TD
Abram Smith	DC	102	524	5
Brian Hill	StL	64	326	1
De'Veon Smith	Arl	90	278	4
Morgan Ellison	Sea	52	254	1
Jacques Patrick	SA	51	206	1
Jordan Ta'amu	DC	47	206	2
Ben DiNucci	SEA	38	203	1
Jah-Maine Martin	ORL	48	189	1
Ryquell Armstead	DC	46	183	0
Max Borghi	HOU	52	180	5
Rod Smith	LV	49	180	2

YDS FROM SCRIMMAGE	TM	SCR YD	RUN YD	REC YD
Abram Smith	DC	568	524	44
Brian Hill	StL	485	326	159
Jahcour Pearson	Sea	479	0	479
Cody Latimer	Orl	395	0	395
Lucky Jackson	DC	385	0	385
Jeff Badet	LV	379	5	374
Hakeem Butler	StL	372	0	372
Deontay Burnett	Hou	344	0	344

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
z-Boston	76	59	12	5	123	282	163
x-Toronto	75	45	20	10	100	256	206
Tampa Bay	77	45	26	6	96	267	231
Florida	77	39	31	7	85	272	260
Buffalo	74	36	31	7	79	264	273
Ottawa	76	37	34	5	79	241	247
Detroit	75	33	33	9	75	221	250
Montreal	77	30	41	6	66	219	284

METRO.	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
x-Carolina	75	48	18	9	105	246	195
x-New Jersey	76	48	20	8	104	265	210
x-N.Y. Rangers	76	44	21	11	99	256	205
N.Y. Islanders	77	39	29	9	87	226	212
Pittsburgh	76	37	29	10	84	244	247
Washington	76	34	33	9	77	238	238
Philadelphia	74	29	32	13	71	202	243
Columbus	75	23	44	8	54	199	300

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
Minnesota	75	44	22	9	97	228	201
Dallas	75	41	20	14	96	260	207
Colorado	74	44	24	6	94	247	205
Winnipeg	76	42	31	3	87	228	214
Nashville	75	38	29	8	84	212	220
St. Louis	76	35	35	6	76	248	282
Arizona	76	27	36	13	67	213	267
Chicago	76	24	46	6	54	186	277

PACIFIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
x-Vegas	75	46	22	7	99	249	216
Edmonton	76	44	23	9	97	300	255
Los Angeles	75	43	22	10	96	259	240
Seattle	74	41	25	8	90	258	237
Calgary	76	35	26	15	85	245	237
Vancouver	75	34	34	7	75	260	281
San Jose	75	21	39	15	57	216	289
Anaheim	75	23	42	10	56	191	306

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division
z-clinched conference

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Nashville 6, St. Louis 1
Boston 4, Pittsburgh 3
Buffalo 6, Philadelphia 3
Carolina 3, Montreal 0
Florida 7, Columbus 0
Tampa Bay 5, N.Y. Islanders 0
Toronto 3, Ottawa 0
New Jersey 6, Chicago 3
Dallas at Colorado, late
Anaheim at Edmonton, late
Los Angeles at Seattle, late
Minnesota at Vegas, late
San Jose at Arizona, late

SUNDAY'S GAMES
N.Y. Rangers at Washington, noon
Boston at St. Louis, 2:30p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Carolina, 5p.m.
Ottawa at Columbus, 5p.m.
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 5p.m.
Detroit at Toronto, 6p.m.
New Jersey at Winnipeg, 6p.m.
Anaheim at Calgary, 7p.m.
Los Angeles at Vancouver, 7p.m.

MONDAY'S GAMES
Vegas at Minnesota, 7p.m.
Nashville at Dallas, 7:30p.m.
Arizona at Seattle, 9p.m.

TUESDAY'S GAMES
Buffalo at Florida, 6p.m.
Columbus at Toronto, 6p.m.
Detroit at Montreal, 6p.m.
Ottawa at Carolina, 6p.m.
Pittsburgh at New Jersey, 6p.m.
Philadelphia at St. Louis, 7p.m.
Vegas at Nashville, 7p.m.
Chicago at Calgary, 8p.m.
Seattle at Vancouver, 9p.m.
Colorado at San Jose, 9:30p.m.
Edmonton at Los Angeles, 9:30p.m.

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
Buffalo 3, N.Y. Rangers 2(OT)
Winnipeg 6, Detroit 2
Calgary 5, Vancouver 4(OT)
Dallas 5, Arizona 2

AUTO RACING

NASCAR CUP SERIES TOYOTA OWNERS 400 LINEUP

After Saturday qualifying; race Sunday At Richmond Raceway; Richmond, Va.; Lap length: 0.75 miles
(Car number in parentheses)
1. (48) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, .000mph.
2. (8) Kyle Busch, Chevrolet, .000.
3. (24) William Byron, Chevrolet, .000.
4. (1) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, .000.
5. (45) Tyler Reddick, Toyota, .000.
6. (2) Austin Cindric, Ford, .000.
7. (17) Chris Buescher, Ford, .000.
8. (47) Ricky Stenhouse Jr, Chevrolet, .000.
9. (5) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, .000.
10. (4) Kevin Harvick, Ford, .000.
11. (11) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, .000.
12. (19) Martin Truex Jr, Toyota, .000.
13. (38) Todd Gilliland, Ford, .000.
14. (54) Ty Gibbs, Toyota, .000.
15. (34) Michael McDowell, Ford, .000.
16. (7) Corey Lajoie, Chevrolet, .000.
17. (12) Ryan Blaney, Ford, .000.
18. (22) Joey Logano, Ford, .000.
19. (14) Chase Briscoe, Ford, .000.
20. (99) Daniel Suárez, Chevrolet, .000.
21. (20) Christopher Bell, Toyota, .000.
22. (43) Erik Jones, Chevrolet, .000.
23. (42) Noah Gragson, Chevrolet, .000.
24. (6) Brad Keselowski, Ford, .000.
25. (16) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, .000.
26. (21) Harrison Burton, Ford, .000.
27. (3) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, .000.
28. (23) Bubba Wallace, Toyota, .000.
29. (31) Justin Haley, Chevrolet, .000.
30. (9) Josh Berry, Chevrolet, .000.
31. (51) Cody Ware, Ford, .000.
32. (10) Aric Almirola, Ford, .000.
33. (41) Ryan Preece, Ford, .000.
34. (15) JJ Yeley, Ford, .000.
35. (78) Anthony Alfredo, Chevrolet, .000.
36. (77) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, .000.
37. (13) Chandler Smith, Chevrolet, .000.

ODDS

NBA			SUNDAY
FAVORITE	**LINE**	**O/U**	**UNDERDOG**
Toronto	13	(off)	at Charlotte
at Minnesota	17	(228½)	Portland
at Brooklyn	off	(off)	Utah
Memphis	1½	(224½)	at Chicago
at New York	off	(off)	Washington
at Orlando	8½	(225)	Detroit
at Sacramento	15½	(244)	San Antonio
at Atlanta	3	(242½)	Dallas
LA Lakers	11	(233)	at Houston
Phoenix	6	(234)	at Okla. City
at Cleveland	11½	(229)	Indiana
at Milwaukee	4½	(233)	Philadelphia
at Denver	off	(off)	Golden State

MLB			SUNDAY
AMERICAN LEAGUE			
FAVORITE	**LINE**	**UNDERDOG**	**LINE**
at Tampa Bay	-209	Detroit	+177
at Boston	-137	Baltimore	+117
Minnesota	-152	at Kan. City	+130
at Houston	-172	Chi White Sox	+147
LA Angels	-167	at Oakland	+143
at Seattle	-138	Cleveland	+118
NATIONAL LEAGUE			
FAVORITE	**LINE**	**UNDERDOG**	**LINE**
Atlanta	-183	at Washington	+154
at Cincinnati	-135	Pittsburgh	+115
NY Mets	-125	at Miami	+105
at Chi Cubs	-120	Milwaukee	+100
at LA Dodgers	-275	Arizona	+225
at San Diego	-235	Colorado	+194
INTERLEAGUE			
FAVORITE	**LINE**	**UNDERDOG**	**LINE**
at NY Yankees	-145	San Francisco	+124
at St. Louis	-112	Toronto	-107
at Texas	-117	Philadelphia	-102

NHL			SUNDAY
FAVORITE	**LINE**	**UNDERDOG**	**LINE**
New York	-130	at Washington	+110
Boston	-219	at St. Louis	+181
Ottawa	-175	at Columbus	+148
at Pittsburgh	-215	Philadelphia	+185
at Carolina	-174	NY Islanders	+147
New Jersey	-117	at Winnipeg	-103
at Toronto	-294	Detroit	+238
Los Angeles	-120	at Vancover	+100
at CALGARY	-430	Anaheim	+335

For the latest odds, go to FanDuel Sportsbook, https://sportsbook.fanduel.com/

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

WOMEN'S NIT

SATURDAY'S CHAMPIONSHIP
Kansas 66, Columbia 59

NCAA DIVISION II TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY'S CHAMPIONSHIP
Ashland 78, Minn. Duluth 67

NCAA DIVISION III TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY'S CHAMPIONSHIP
Transylvania 57, Chris. Newport 52

TENNIS

ATP/WTA MIAMI OPEN

Saturday at Hard Rock Stadium. Miami Gardens, Fla., hardcourt outdoors

WOMEN'S SINGLES, CHAMPIONSHIP
#15Petra Kvitova d.
#10Elena Rybakina, 7-6(14), 6-2.

LATE FRIDAY, MEN'S SEMIFINAL
#10Jannik Sinner d.
#1Carlos Alcaraz, 6-7(4), 6-4, 6-2.

SUNDAY'S MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP
#4Daniil Medvedev vs.
#10Jannik Sinner

WTA SAN LUIS POTOSI OPEN

Saturday at Club Deportivo Potosino, San Luis Potosi, Mexico, outdoors-clay
WOMEN'S SINGLES, SEMIFINALS
#1Elisabetta Cocciaretto vs.
Kaja Juvan, late.
#7Sara Errani d
Kaja Juvan, 1-6, 6-4, 6-2.
LATE FRIDAY, QUARTERFINALS
#1Elisabetta Cocciaretto d.
Tamara Zidansek, 6-2, 6-4.
#7Sara Errani d.
#2Tatjana Maria, 6-2, 6-1.
Kaja Juvan, 6-2, 6-1.
#9Laura Pigossi, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.
Elina Avanesyan d.
Emiliana Arango, 6-2, 6-2.

SOCCER

MLS

EASTERN	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA
Cincinnati	4	0	2	14	8	4
Atlanta	4	1	1	13	13	9
New England	4	1	1	13	8	6
Columbus	3	2	1	10	15	8
Nashville	3	2	1	10	6	2
New York City FC	2	2	2	8	6	7
Orlando City	2	2	2	8	5	6
Philadelphia	2	3	1	7	8	8
Toronto FC	1	1	4	7	8	7
Inter Miami CF	2	4	0	6	6	7
Chicago	1	1	3	6	7	7
New York	1	2	3	6	4	5
D.C. United	1	3	2	5	7	10
Charlotte FC	1	3	2	5	6	11
CF Montréal	1	3	0	3	3	7
WESTERN	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PTS**	**GF**	**GA**
Saint Louis City SC	5	1	0	15	15	5
Seattle	4	1	1	13	12	3
Minnesota United	3	0	2	11	6	3
Los Angeles FC	3	0	1	10	9	3
FC Dallas	2	2	2	8	8	7
Austin FC	2	2	1	7	6	7
San Jose	2	2	1	7	4	6
Houston	2	2	0	6	4	5
Portland	1	3	2	5	6	11
Real Salt Lake	1	4	0	3	3	13
Vancouver	0	2	3	3	5	7
LA Galaxy	0	2	3	3	3	6
Sporting KC	0	3	3	3	2	7
Colorado	0	3	2	2	2	8

Three points for win, one point for tie.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Atlanta 1, N.Y. Red Bulls 0
Cincinati 1, Miami 0
Columbus 4, Real Salt Lake 0
Seattle 2, LA Galaxy 1
New York City FC 1, New England 1
Nashville 2, Orlando City 0
Sporting KC 0. Philadelphia 0
Charlotte FC 2, Toronto FC 2
D.C. United 0, Chicago 0
Portland 1, FC Dallas 1
Minnesota 1, St. Louis City SC 0
Los Angeles FC at Colorado, late
Houston at San Jose, late
CF Montréal at Vancouver, late

SATURDAY, APRIL 8
Philadelphia at Cincinnati, 6:30p.m.
Columbus at D.C. United, 6:30p.m.
Austin FC at Los Angeles FC, 6:30p.m.
FC Dallas at Miami, 6:30p.m.
CF Montréal at New England, 6:30p.m.
San Jose at N.Y. Red Bulls, 6:30p.m.
Atlanta at New York City FC, 6:30p.m.
Minnesota at Chicago, 7:30p.m.
LA Galaxy at Houston, 7:30p.m.
Colorado at Sporting KC, 7:30p.m.
Toronto FC at Nashville, 7:30p.m.
Charlotte FC at Real Salt Lake, 8:30p.m.
Saint Louis City SC at Seattle, 9:30p.m.
Portland at Vancouver, 9:30p.m.

NWSL

CLUB	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Portland	2	0	0	6	8	01
Washington	1	0	1	4	3	2
Houston	1	0	1	4	2	1
Gotham FC	1	0	0	3	2	1
San Diego	1	0	0	3	3	2
North Carolina	1	0	0	3	1	0
Louisville	0	0	2	2	2	2
Angel City	0	1	0	0	1	2
Chicago	0	2	0	0	3	5
Kansas City	0	2	0	0	1	5
Orlando	0	1	0	0	0	4

Three points for win, one point for tie.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Portland 4, Kansas City 1
Houston 2, Chicago 1
Washington 2, Louisville 2
OL Reign at Gotham FC, late
North Carolina at San Diego, late

SUNDAY'S MATCH
Angel City at Orlando, 4:30p.m.

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
Arsenal	29	23	3	3	70	27	72
Man City	28	20	4	4	71	26	64
Man United	26	15	5	6	41	35	50
Tottenham	28	15	4	9	52	40	49
Newcastle	26	12	11	3	39	19	47
Brighton	26	12	7	7	49	34	43
Brentford	28	10	13	5	46	37	43
Liverpool	27	12	6	9	48	33	42
Aston Villa	28	12	5	11	37	39	41
Fulham	28	11	6	11	39	39	39
Chelsea	28	10	8	10	29	30	38
Crystal Palace	29	7	9	13	24	39	30
Wolverhampton	29	7	7	15	23	42	28
Notting. Forest	28	6	9	13	23	50	27
Bournemouth	28	7	6	15	27	55	27
Leeds	28	6	8	14	36	48	26
Everton	28	6	8	14	22	40	26
Leicester	28	7	4	17	39	49	25
West Ham	26	6	6	14	24	34	24
Southampton	28	6	5	17	23	46	23

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Man City 4, Liverpool 1
Bournemouth 2, Fulham 1
Arsenal 4, Leeds 1
Brighton 3, Brentford 3
Crystal Palace 2, Leicester 1
Notting. Forest 1, Wolverhampton 1
Aston Villa 2, Chelsea 0

SUNDAY'S MATCHES
West Ham vs. Southampton, 8a.m.
Newcastle vs. Man United, 10:30a.m.

MONDAY'S MATCH
Everton vs. Tottenham, 2p.m.

TUESDAY'S MATCHES
Bournemouth vs. Brighton, 1:45p.m.
Leeds vs. Nottingham Forest, 1:45p.m.
Leicester vs. Aston Villa, 1:45p.m.
Chelsea vs. Liverpool, 2p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S MATCHES
West Ham vs. Newcastle, 2p.m.
Man United vs. Brentford, 2p.m.

U.S. MEN'S SCHEDULE (2-1-1)

Jan. 25: Serbia 2, U.S. 1
Jan. 28: U.S. 0, Colombia 0
n-March 24: U.S. 7, Grenada 1
n-March 27: U.S. 1, El Salvador 0
April 19: vs. Mexico, 9 p.m.
n-Nations League

U.S. WOMEN'S SCHEDULE (5-0-0)

April 8: vs. Ireland, 12:30 p.m.
April 11: vs. Ireland, 5:30 p.m.
w-July 21: vs. Vietnam, 8 p.m.
w-July 26: vs. Netherlands, 8 p.m.
w-Aug.1: vs. TBD, 2 a.m
w-FIFA World Cup Australia/New Zealand

GOLF

PGA TEXAS OPEN

3rd of 4 rounds, TPC San Antonio -Oaks Course, San Antonio, 7,435 yards, Par 72, a-amateur

Patrick Rodgers	66-67-71—204	-12
Corey Conners	64-72-69—205	-11
Matt Kuchar	68-70-69—207	-9
Chris Kirk	67-72-69—208	-8
Sam Stevens	72-68-68—208	-8
Byeong Hun An	70-71-68—209	-7
Padraig Harrington	68-73-68—209	-7
Harry Higgs	69-68-72—209	-7
Lee Hodges	74-66-69—209	-7
Augusto Nunez	70-70-69—209	-7
Sam Ryder	71-70-68—209	-7
Nicolas Echavarria	73-66-71—210	-6
Seonghyeon Kim	72-68-70—210	-6
Hideki Matsuyama	70-72-68—210	-6
Andrew Putnam	71-69-70—210	-6
Nick Taylor	69-71-70—210	-6
Dylan Wu	70-71-69—210	-6
Kevin Chappell	71-71-69—211	-5
Nicolai Hojgaard	72-70-69—211	-5
Taylor Montgomery	68-74-69—211	-5
Alex Noren	70-71-70—211	-5
Andrew Novak	69-72-70—211	-5
Michael Thompson	69-68-74—211	-5
Hayden Buckley	67-73-72—212	-4
MJ Daffue	68-72-72—212	-4
Lanto Griffin	73-70-69—212	-4
Michael Kim	68-71-73—212	-4
Brendon Todd	70-67-75—212	-4
Matt Wallace	69-72-71—212	-4
Eric Cole	71-67-75—213	-3
Pierceson Coody	74-69-70—213	-3
Roberto Diaz	68-69-76—213	-3
Nick Hardy	72-70-71—213	-3
Charley Hoffman	73-69-71—213	-3
Ben Martin	70-70-73—213	-3
Aaron Rai	71-71-71—213	-3
Chez Reavie	69-72-72—213	-3
Matthias Schmid	70-71-72—213	-3
J.J. Spaun	70-73-70—213	-3
Sepp Straka	73-70-70—213	-3
Jimmy Walker	70-70-73—213	-3
Trevor Werbylo	72-70-71—213	-3
Christiaan Bezuidenhout	69-72-73—214	-2
Rickie Fowler	71-72-71—214	-2
Ryan Gerard	72-72-70—214	-2
Emiliano Grillo	70-72-72—214	-2
Beau Hossler	71-69-74—214	-2
Robby Shelton	73-69-72—214	-2
Luke Donald	70-72-73—215	-1
Harry Hall	73-70-72—215	-1
Si Woo Kim	69-74-72—215	-1
Luke List	71-69-75—215	-1
Kevin Streelman	71-72-72—215	-1
Brandon Wu	71-72-73—216	E
Brice Garnett	71-72-74—217	+1
Lucas Glover	75-69-73—217	+1
Tano Goya	72-70-75—217	+1
Patton Kizzire	73-70-74—217	+1
Satoshi Kodaira	72-72-73—217	+1
Peter Malnati	67-72-78—217	+1
Justin Lower	69-73-76—218	+2
Kyle Stanley	71-72-75—218	+2
Akshay Bhatia	73-71-75—219	+3

LIV GOLF ORLANDO

2nd of 3 rounds, Orange County National, Orlando, Fla., 7,493 yards, Par: 71
TEAMS SCORES

Smash GC	**-26**
(B.Koepka-c, M.Wolf, C.Koepka, J.Kokrak)	
Torque GC	**-24**
(J.Niemann-c, D.Puig, M.Pereira, S.Munoz)	
Cleeks GC	**-21**
(M.Kaymer-c,G.McDowell, R.Bland, L.Canter, B.Wiesberger)	
4 Aces GC	**-19**
(D.Johnson-c, P.Uihlein, P.Perez, P.Reed)	
Stinger GC	**-17**
(L.Oosthuizen-c, D.Burmester, C,Schwartzel, B.Grace)	
Iron Heads GC	**-16**
(K.Na-c, S.Vincent, D.Lee, S.Kim)	
Majesticks GC	**-15**
(I.Poulter-c, S.Horsfield, L.Westwood, H.Stenson)	
HyFlyers GC	**-11**
(P.Mickelson-c, B.Steele, J.Piot, C.Tringale)	
Crushers GC	**-11**
(B.DeChambeau-c, C.Howell, A.Ogletree, P.Casey)	
Rangegoats GC	**-12**
(B.Watson-c, T.Pieters, T.Gooch, H.Varner)	
Fireballs GC	**-9**
(S.Garcia-c, A.Ancer, E.Lopez-Chacarra, C.Ortiz)	
Ripper GC	**-8**
(C.Smith-c, M.Leishman, J.Morgan, M.Jones, J.Piot)	

INDIVIDUAL SCORES

Brooks Koepka	65-65—130	-12
Sebastián Muñoz	62-71—133	-9
Mito Pereira	68-64—134	-8
Patrick Reed	67-67—134	-8
Laurie Canter	67-67—134	-8
Richard Bland	64-71—135	-7
Matthew Wolff	67-68—135	-7
Danny Lee	65-67—135	-7
Abraham Ancer	70-66—136	-6
Jason Kokrak	68-68—136	-6
Cameron Tringale	70-66—136	-6
Sam Horsfield	70-66—136	-6
Charl Schwartzel	71-65—136	-6
Dustin Johnson	67-70—137	-5
Cameron Smith	69-68—137	-5
Dean Burmester	67-70—137	-5
Scott Vincent	70-67—137	-5
Branden Grace	67-70—137	-5
Lee Westwood	66-71—137	-5
Joaquin Niemann	70-68—138	-4
Talor Gooch	69-69—138	-4
Harold Varner III	66-72—138	-4
Kevin Na	72-66—138	-4
Paul Casey	69-69—138	-4
Graeme McDowell	71-67—138	-4
James Piot	72-66—138	-4
Bryson DeChambeau	70-69—139	-3
Thomas Pieters	68-71—139	-3
Henrik Stenson	67-72—139	-3
Carlos Ortiz	70-69—139	-3
Andy Ogletree	69-70—139	-3
Peter Uihlein	72-67—139	-3
Louis Oosthuizen	70-70—140	-2
Marc Leishman	68-72—140	-2
David Puig	68-72—140	-2

LATE FRIDAY: LPGA DIO IMPLANT LA OPEN

2nd of 4rounds, Palos Verdes Golf Club Palos Verdes, Calif., 6,258 yards; Par: 71

Hyo Joo Kim	66-66—132	-10
Ruoning Yin	68-64—132	-10
Nasa Hataoka	67-66—133	-9
Maude-Aimee Leblanc	67-67—134	-8
Megan Khang	66-69—135	-7
Lilia Vu	69-66—135	-7
Jennifer Kupcho	72-64—136	-6
Patty Tavatanakit	69-67—136	-6
Perrine Delacour	68-69—137	-5
Charley Hull	68-69—137	-5
Lizette Salas	73-64—137	-5
Hannah Green	71-67—138	-4
Frida Kinhult	71-67—138	-4
Nelly Korda	68-70—138	-4
Atthaya Thitikul	72-66—138	-4
Matilda Castren	70-69—139	-3
Jodi Ewart Shadoff	69-70—139	-3
Danielle Kang	71-68—139	-3
Sarah Kemp	72-67—139	-3
Cheyenne Knight	71-68—139	-3
Mi Hyang Lee	65-74—139	-3
Linnea Strom	73-66—139	-3
Mina Harigae	70-70—140	-2
Lauren Hartlage	70-70—140	-2
Moriya Jutanugarn	72-68—140	-2
Gina Kim	69-71—140	-2
Jessica Korda	68-72—140	-2
Lucy Li	67-73—140	-2
Marina Alex	72-69—141	-1
Pajaree Anannarukarn	71-70—141	-1
Hye Jin Choi	70-71—141	-1
Gemma Dryburgh	70-71—141	-1
Georgia Hall	69-72—141	-1
Minami Katsu	71-70—141	-1
Jin Young Ko	72-69—141	-1
Alison Lee	73-68—141	-1
Yealimi Noh	70-71—141	-1
Hinako Shibuno	73-68—141	-1
Jasmine Suwannapura	69-72—141	-1
Brittany Altomare	73-69—142	E
Allisen Corpuz	71-71—142	E
Lauren Coughlin	73-69—142	E
Caroline Inglis	73-69—142	E
Grace Kim	71-71—142	E
Lydia Ko	73-69—142	E
Yuna Nishimura	74-68—142	E
Mel Reid	71-71—142	E
Paula Reto	71-71—142	E
Sarah Schmelzel	71-71—142	E
Maja Stark	73-69—142	E
Jaravee Boonchant	70-73—143	+1
Paula Creamer	72-71—143	+1
Amanda Doherty	69-74—143	+1
Esther Henseleit	75-68—143	+1
Wei-Ling Hsu	71-72—143	+1
Haeji Kang	73-70—143	+1
Cristie Kerr	74-69—143	+1

Iowa's Caitlin Clark celebrates after the Hawkeyes knocked off South Carolina in the Final Four matchup on Friday at American Airlines Center in Dallas. **RON JENKINS/GETTY**

WOMEN'S NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Tigers will try to tame Clark

By Doug Feinberg
Associated Press

DALLAS — Caitlin Clark has captured the attention of basketball fans with her historic performance in the NCAA Tournament.

Iowa's sensational guard will try to finish off the unprecedented run she's led the Hawkeyes on with a championship when they face LSU on Sunday in the title game.

"I think winning a national championship is how you put a final bow on it," Clark said. "I think that's the best way, but we're going to give it everything we have for 40 more minutes. We know that's all we have left of our season."

The dazzling guard, who grew up in Iowa, became the first women's player to post back-to-back 40-point performances in the NCAA Tournament after her 41-point game lifted the Hawkeyes over previously unbeaten South Carolina in the Final Four.

Clark has been compared to LSU great Pete Maravich ever since she was in high school. It's a not far-fetched comparison, according to Iowa's guard.

"I am familiar with his game. I've seen a lot of his highlights," Clark said. "Obviously a tremendous compliment. I saw somebody called me like Ponytail Pete or something like that. I thought that was kind of funny. I think just a tremendous compliment."

Now she'll try to etch her name next to some of the greatest ever to win a title — like Cheryl Miller, Sheryl Swoopes, Chamique Holdsclaw, Diana Taurasi, Candace Parker, Maya Moore, Breanna Stewart and A'ja Wilson.

Another SEC team stands in the way: LSU and coach Kim Mulkey, who was impressed watching Clark on Friday night.

"That's my first time to see her play in person, and I didn't get to watch the game because I had to deal with (the media)," Mulkey said. "When I did get out there, I couldn't take my eyes off of her. Gosh, she's special. She's special."

While her team doesn't have any title experience, Mulkey has been in this position three times before when she was coaching Baylor. Each time she came away with the title.

To keep that perfect record intact, LSU will have to find a way to slow down Clark.

"Iowa is a great team and I'm going to give credit where it's due. They have the best player, the player of the year, Caitlin Clark," LSU guard Alexis Morris said. "She's amazing. I respect her game."

It took Mulkey five years to get Baylor to the championship game. She did it in two with the flagship school in her home state after beating Virginia Tech in the semifinals.

The Tigers made the Final Four in five straight seasons from 2004-08 led by women's basketball greats Seimone Augustus and Sylvia Fowles. LSU could never get to the title game until now. The men's team also had never made it before either.

"It is so exciting — I don't even know how old LSU is," Mulkey said. "I don't even know when they started playing men's or women's basketball, but it has to be a long time ago. And to think all those great players that have played in the NBA and the WNBA, and they never played for a national championship. That's mind-boggling to me."

IN BRIEF

NBA, players have a new labor agreement

News services

The most financially successful era in NBA history will continue uninterrupted for at least six more years, after the league and its players came to a tentative agreement on a new Collective Bargaining Agreement that will kick in this summer.

"The NBA and National Basketball Players Association have reached a tentative agreement on a new Collective Bargaining Agreement, pending ratification by players and team governors," was the league's only comment.

Technically, it will be a seven-year deal, though either side can opt out a year early. It will also begin the era of an in-season tournament, something Commissioner Adam Silver has wanted for years.

Barring a change to the current plan, teams will be given an 80-game schedule for next season in August. Those 80 games will include "tournament" games — probably four — that will count in regular-season standings. All teams will have two more games added to their schedule so the full 82-game slate is played.

Golf: Patrick Rodgers shot a 1-under 71 on Saturday to take a one-stroke lead into the final round of the Valero Texas Open, with his first PGA Tour title and Masters spot at stake. Making his 235th tour start, the 30-year-old Rodgers had a 12-under 204 total at the Oaks Course at TPC San Antonio. ... Brooks Koepka is gearing up for the Masters. He shot a bogey-free 65 to lead LIV Golf Orlando by three shots over Sebastian Munoz.

Tennis: Twelfth-seeded veteran Petra Kvitova, in her 13th appearance at the Miami Open, finally won her first crown, upsetting 7th-seed Elena Rybakina on Saturday with a marathon tiebreaker in a 7-6 (14), 6-2 win.

Women's college basketball: South Carolina All-American Aliyah Boston declared for the WNBA draft on Saturday. Boston is considered the favorite to be the No. 1 overall pick.

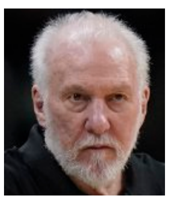
NATIONAL SPORTS REPORT

SHORTS

Rendon 'can't comment' on altercation

Anthony Rendon wasn't very talkative Saturday, two days after video surfaced of the Angels All-Star appearing to take a swipe at an Oakland fan after a 2-1 opening day loss to the Athletics. "I'm sorry. I can't comment," the third baseman told a throng of reporters Saturday at the end of a news conference on the field at the Oakland Coliseum that lasted fewer than five minutes. MLB said Friday it was looking into the incident. Rendon went hitless and struck out twice in three at-bats on Thursday. He left the Angels dugout and was on his way to the tunnel leading to the clubhouse when he stopped and apparently confronted a fan sitting near the railing. Rendon accused the fan of calling him a slur. The man denied it, and Rendon cussed at the fan and took a swipe at him with his left hand before walking away. Someone nearby caught the incident on video and posted it on social media. "This happens a lot unfortunately," Angels manager Phil Nevin said. "A lot of times we just don't see it. You're going to hear things all the time. You hear a lot. Right now, I just don't w===ant to comment on the incident."

Pop, Gasol, Hammon, Nowitzki to Hall



Tony Parker and Pau Gasol played for him. Becky Hammon coached alongside him. Dirk Nowitzki and Dwyane Wade waged battles against him. He is Gregg Popovich. And he, finally, is a Hall of Famer. The Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame made it official Saturday, with three of the NBA's all-time international greats — Nowitzki, Parker and Gasol — joining Wade, Hammon and Popovich as the headliners of the 2023 class that will be enshrined on Aug. 11 and 12 at ceremonies in Connecticut and Massachusetts. "This is basketball heaven," Wade said on the ESPN telecast of the announcement in Houston. Also getting the Hall's call: the 1976 U.S. Olympic women's basketball team; former Purdue coach Gene Keady, a seven-time Big Ten coach of the year; former Texas A&M women's coach Gary Blair, who took two teams to the Final Four; longtime coach at Division III Amherst and two-time national champion David Hixon; and Gene Bess — who won 1,300 games as a junior college coach at Three Rivers Community College in Poplar Bluff, Missouri.

IndyCar action picks up on, off track

IndyCar champion Will Power, pictured, has a new contract with Team Penske, and reigning Indianapolis 500 winner Marcus Ericsson wants an extended deal from Chip Ganassi. Colton Herta split with his race strategist — who happens to be his father — as Andretti Autosport moved Bryan Herta to second-year driver Kyle Kirkwood. Callum Ilott is frustrated by only a minimal offseason increase in speed from his small IndyCar team. It's been nearly a month since IndyCar's sloppy season-opener on the downtown streets of St. Petersburg, Florida, and with Sunday's race looming, the action on and off the track is already booming. The Texas Motor Speedway is the first oval race of the season. It'll also be the season debut for oval specialists Ed Carpenter and two-time Indianapolis 500 winner Takuma Sato. Team owner A.J. Foyt is also at his first race of the year after skipping the IndyCar opener as he had a pacemaker installed two days after St. Pete, where both his cars were involved in a race-ending crash in the third turn of the first lap. *—Associated Press*

Tiger Woods tips his cap on the 18th green during the final round at the Masters last April in Augusta, Ga. Woods' return to the Masters is no longer a surprise as it was a year ago, but no less a rare appearance. **JAE C. HONG/AP**

MASTERS

Unlike any other

Return of Tiger, hope for McIlroy, a lot of LIV

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

Tiger Woods returns to the Masters, no longer a surprise as it was a year ago but no less a rare appearance. This will be only his third tournament against elite competition since he remarkably hobbled his way through 72 holes at Augusta National.

For Rory McIlroy, this might be his best chance to finally get that green jacket and complete the career Grand Slam. He is playing some of his best golf. His popularity is higher than ever as he has become a powerful voice in reshaping the PGA Tour.

That alone should be enough to raise the anticipation for the Masters, not that it ever needs much help. But so much has changed since Scottie Scheffler capped his amazing run with a green jacket — on the course and in the courtroom.

Woods, McIlroy and Scheffler are headliners who now share the stage with a story that has consumed and divided an otherwise genteel game. They will face 18 players no longer welcome on the PGA Tour because they defected to Saudi-funded LIV Golf.

"For a golf fan, it's Tiger coming. You have the LIV-PGA Tour mashup at the Masters, which is a traditional environment. It's going to be a media frenzy," Xander Schauffele said. "There will be a ton of questions about digs here and there between the two tours. I think it will be a huge mosh pit of everything. For a golf fan, I think it will be awesome."

Will the topic of conversation under the huge oak tree outside the Augusta National clubhouse be about the lengthening of the par-5 13th or the latest motion filed in an antitrust lawsuit between LIV Golf and the PGA Tour?

And who wouldn't pay to be upstairs in the clubhouse on Tuesday night for the annual Masters Club dinner for past champions, seven of them now with LIV Golf. As defending champion, Scheffler is in charge of the menu, not keeping the peace.

"I keep trying to get Scottie to address the elephant in the room, but I don't think he's going to," Jordan Spieth said with a laugh. "I keep poking him: 'It's your job to address the elephant in the room when you speak. It's not just a thank-you.' I don't think he's biting. He doesn't bite on a lot of what I have to say."

Indeed, this really could be a Masters unlike any other.

Dustin Johnson was thought to be on the fence about leaving for LIV Golf out of concern he wouldn't be able to return to Augusta National, where he set the scoring record in 2020. He left for LIV in June for a signing fee reported to be in the $150 million range.

And any concerns about playing — for Johnson and everyone else — were put to rest in December when Masters Chairman Fred Ridley said the invitation list would not change regardless of where players made their living. At least not for this year.

Ridley also made it clear he wasn't happy about the state of golf since the rival league — run by Greg Norman, paid for by the Saudi Arabian sovereign wealth fund — came along. He referenced nine Masters champions who had become golfing heroes. Conspicuously missing from his list was three-time winner Phil Mickelson, once a popular figure in golf.

"They have shown respect for those who came before them and blazed a trail for future generations. Golf is better because of them," Ridley said. "Regrettably, recent actions have divided men's professional golf by diminishing the virtues of the game and the meaningful legacies of those who built it."

Most PGA Tour players have not seen the likes of Johnson, Mickelson and Brooks Koepka since the British Open. Cameron Smith won the claret jug and then joined LIV six weeks later.

"Inside the ropes, even the people who have scuffles, it's just a working environment," Schauffele said. "It will be cool to have everyone back in the same office."

No one is quite sure what to expect. Most LIV players have competed no more than nine times since St. Andrews in 54-hole events with 48-man fields.

Their world ranking has plummeted because LIV still doesn't get points. Johnson was No. 16 in the world when he left St. Andrews. Now he is at No. 68. Koepka dropped out of the top 100 in the world (No. 111) for the first time in 10 years.

"Just because the guys aren't ranked, they're still top-ranked players, and us pros know that," Schauffele said. "When some of those boys are playing well, they're hard to beat. Some of them left when they were hot, some of them left a little cold in terms of performance. But we know how good everyone is."

Sullivan

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not to be confused with the Stan Bowman-led rebuild of two years ago, continues its slow death skate toward securing the best odds in the Connor Bedard lottery. The Hawks began the "Farewell Jonathan" plotline of their unscripted series Saturday night at the United Center, giving the face of the franchise the first of his three "last hurrahs" at home.

The captain either could retire or get nudged into leaving via free agency, so the marketing department can begin planning "Welcome back, Jonathan" night next fall. We don't know Toews' future, but a behind-the-scenes team video of his journey through the last seven games is virtually assured.

The sub-.500 Bulls, the Hawks' West Side brethren, finish their fight for a play-in spot and the right to lose another first-round playoff series to the Milwaukee Bucks. Executive vice president of basketball operations Arturas Karnišovas then will give his annual end-of-season news conference and turn his attention to the draft and the long-running search for Lonzo Ball's replacement.

The Cubs and White Sox, meanwhile, began their seasons with low-grade fan optimism and no love from Las Vegas, hoping to prove their positive spring training vibes are reason enough to believe they'll remain relevant come October.

The two main architects, President Jed Hoyer and general manager Rick Hahn, already are under the microscope. Hoyer literally was on the hot seat on opening day, positioning himself under a heat lamp in the Cubs dugout while talking with reporters. The metaphors sometimes write themselves.

Up at the Bears cave in Lake Forest, general manager Ryan Poles is plotting the most anticipated draft in Bears history while Chairman George McCaskey turns his gaze toward his new "consultant," Ted Phillips. (Not to be confused with … oh, wait, nevermind. It's actually the same Ted Phillips!)

It should be quite the smorgasbord of craziness, and for those without a handy sports calendar, here's a schedule of some of April's must-see events.

Monday: San Francisco Giants at White Sox

Michael Kopech faces the Giants in the homer opener as no-nonsense advocate Pedro Grifol gets introduced to Sox fans. With election day on Tuesday, it's also the last chance for mayoral candidates Paul Vallas and Brandon Johnson to pledge their allegiance to the Sox.

Tuesday: Atlanta Hawks at Bulls

Huge game that could determine play-in seeding for both sub-.500 teams. A trip to Miami could be at stake for the No. 8 at No. 7 play-in game. Forecast is in the 80s.

Saturday: Blackhawks at Seattle Kraken

Last chance in 2023 to once again ask why the Hawks let Eddie Olczyk leave the TV booth and go to Seattle.

April 9: Detroit Pistons at Bulls

Final Bulls regular-season game and possibly the last home game in a Bulls uniform for Vučević, the always accountable center who sacrificed his numbers to be the third wheel of the offense. Karnišovas wants him back, but can he afford him? Practice your "Vooooch" calls just in case.

April 10: Seattle Mariners at Cubs

Barring rainouts, it should be rookie Hayden Wesneski's first home appearance since being named the fifth starter. Is he the Cubs' best rookie pitcher since Kerry Wood?

April 10: White Sox at Minnesota Twins

The Twins were as disappointing as the White Sox in 2022 but at least brought back shortstop Carlos Correa. This game opens the season series, which mercifully was reduced to 12 games under the new schedule.

April 11: Blackhawks at Pittsburgh Penguins

The last Toews-Sidney Crosby matchup? Can you imagine the Penguins letting Crosby play in another uniform? Naaaah.

April 12: Bulls play-in game, TBD

The No. 9 and 10 seeds of the Eastern Conference face off, with the winner playing the loser of the game between the No. 7 and No. 8 seeds. Assuming the Bulls don't get the eight seed, this will be their destiny.

April 14: Baltimore Orioles at White Sox

Barring a change in the Sox rotation, starter Mike Clevinger will make his home debut. Making him the No. 4 starter ensured at least two road starts to get his feet wet.

April 14: Philadelphia Flyers at Blackhawks

One last skate for Toews? The Hawks' season ends at the United Center, and tears no doubt will be shed over the possibility of the end of an era.

April 20: Los Angeles Dodgers at Cubs

"Welcome Back, Jason Heyward" night. Heyward was the rare Cubs player who hit .214 and .204 in back-to-back seasons but never was booed at Wrigley Field. A standing ovation, a video-board highlight package and a Cubs gift of an innings window from the center-field scoreboard are standard operating procedure for 2016 players upon their return.

April 27: NFL draft. First round.

Anticipation mounts after the huge predraft deal with the Carolina Panthers moved them from No. 1 to No. 9. Can the Bears break the streak and announce their pick before the Tribune's Brad Biggs tweets it? Doubtful.

April 28. NFL draft. Rounds 2-3.

Poles watching heats up. The Bears have No. 53 (from Baltimore) and No. 61 (from Carolina) in the second round and No. 64 in the third round.

April 29: NFL draft. Rounds 4-7.

You've come this far, so you might as well watch the final six Bears picks, including No. 258 in Round 7. You can now sleep until the start of training camp in July.

RIDES

REDESIGN SHOWDOWN

The 2023 Toyota Prius has an EPA estimate of up to 57 mpg combined. **TOYOTA MOTOR SALES U.S.A.**

Edmunds compares 2023 models of Toyota Prius and Kia Niro to find out which is the better buy

By Michael Cantu | Edmunds

Both the Toyota Prius and Kia Niro have been redesigned for 2023. The new Prius is more powerful and better-looking than ever, but the bold new Kia Niro is a great all-around choice.

The Toyota Prius, which has become synonymous with hybrid cars the past 20 years, is fresh off a full redesign for 2023. The prior generation's oddball styling, quirky interior and feeble powertrain are now in the rearview mirror. The new Prius now features an attractive look, a sleeker interior and a big increase in power. It's even more efficient than the previous model. But it's not the only hybrid car you should consider.

The Kia Niro has been on the market since 2016, and like the Prius, it was also redesigned for the 2023 model year. The new Niro sports a stylish bold design, excellent technology and a roomier interior. But is Kia's hybrid good enough to take on the long-running Prius? Edmunds experts compare them to find out which one is the better buy.

The 2023 Kia Niro has an EPA estimate of up to 53 mpg combined. **KIA AMERICA**

FUEL ECONOMY AND POWER

The Prius and Niro are two of the most efficient hybrids you can buy, but the Prius sips fuel slower. The front-wheel-drive base model boasts an impressive EPA estimate of 57 mpg in combined city and highway driving, but that dips down to 52 mpg combined in the higher trims. With all-wheel drive, those estimates are 3 mpg lower in combined driving. The front-wheel-drive-only Niro scores an estimated 53 mpg combined in the base trim, but the less efficient higher trims are rated at 49 mpg combined.

When Edmunds drove the top-specced versions of both hybrids on its real-world test route, the difference was bigger. The Prius hit its EPA estimate by achieving 52.3 mpg, but the Niro got 47.7 mpg, a bit less than its EPA estimate.

Not only is the Prius more efficient, its 194-horsepower hybrid powertrain (196 horsepower with all-wheel drive) is significantly more powerful than the Niro's, which produces only 139 horsepower. That ample amount of power propelled the Prius from zero to 60 mph in 7.7 seconds, an impressive two seconds quicker than the Niro. More power and better fuel efficiency make it an easy win for the Toyota.

Winner: Toyota Prius

TECHNOLOGY, INTERIOR SPACE

The base trims of both hybrids come equipped with 8-inch touchscreen displays and digital gauge clusters. The Niro provides a larger 10.25-inch touchscreen on all other trims. The Prius offers an even bigger 12.3-inch touchscreen but to get it you have to add it as an option or buy the top trim level.

One advantage for the Prius is its standard wireless connectivity for Apple CarPlay and Android Auto smartphone integration; you'll need to use a USB cord to connect in most Niro trims. It also packs tech-forward USB-C ports instead of the Niro's older USB-A ports.

Cargo space behind the rear seats is almost even: 20.3-23.8 cubic feet in the Prius and 22.8 cubic feet in the Niro. That's a sizable amount and more than you would get in a sedan. Front seat space is similar, but the Niro has more rear passenger room.

Winner: tie

COMFORT AND DRIVING

Ride comfort is superb in both hybrids, which isn't always the case in small cars. Their seats are also comfortable, although the Niro's are on the firm side but have more bolstering to help keep you in place. As with most hybrids, both engines get loud under hard acceleration, but the Niro does a better job keeping out wind and tire noise.

Based on our testing, the Prius drives better hands down. Both hybrids are great around town, but the Prius' quicker acceleration comes in handy on the highway. It also handles much better, making it more fun to drive. The Prius' superior driving dynamics give it the win here.

Winner: Toyota Prius

PRICING AND VALUE

The Prius' starting price of $28,545 is a little higher than the Niro's starting price of $27,915. Both base models come similarly equipped, but for an extra $1,400, you can add all-wheel drive to any Prius trim. The midlevel trims are also closely matched in features, but the Prius is once again a little pricier, although its additional power and mpg justify the extra cost. The Prius' top trim, which is priced like the Niro's, offers optional features at an added cost that the Niro doesn't provide, including a self-parking system, heated rear seats and a surround-view camera system. If warranties are important to you, Kia's five-year/60,000-mile basic warranty tops Toyota's three-year/36,000-mile warranty.

However, Toyota offers two years or 25,000 miles of free scheduled maintenance.

Winner: tie

Edmunds says: The Toyota Prius and Kia Niro are both highly rated hybrids by Edmunds. But as with any comparison, there's a winner. The Toyota Prius gets the victory here thanks to its superior power, fuel efficiency and available all-wheel drive.

Carmakers can kiss pre-pandemic combustion car sales goodbye

By Colin McKerracher
Bloomberg News

There are growing signs that global auto sales will continue their comeback from the pandemic, chip shortage and other supply chain snarls. As the recovery takes shape, it's becoming clearer that sales of internal combustion vehicles are unlikely to ever return to pre-pandemic levels.

Calling peaks is generally a no-win endeavor. But with 2022 data now available, it seems that the global market for internal combustion vehicles peaked in 2017 and is now in structural decline.

This may seem self-evident to those watching the market closely, but is likely still jarring for others. Forecasts for oil demand issued just a few years ago still assumed steady growth in sales of these vehicles well into the 2030s.

At the 2017 peak, 86 million internal combustion passenger vehicles were sold, including traditional hybrids like the Toyota Prius. Battery-electric and plug-in hybrid models were a tiny sliver of the market that year, accounting for just over 1 million vehicles combined.

The picture was quite different in 2022. Combustion vehicle sales were down almost 20% from the peak, to 69 million, and plug-in vehicles jumped to 10.4 million.

A Tesla car recharges at the Petaluma Supercharger in Petaluma, California. **JUSTIN SULLIVAN/GETTY 2022**

Even if we add plug-in hybrids to the internal combustion column, the picture doesn't change much. The market still would have peaked in 2017, and global sales in 2022 would be 72 million, still 16% off the high from five years earlier.

The trend in China is even more pronounced. Plug-in vehicles made up 26% of vehicle sales in 2022, while combustion models were 28% off the 2017 peak.

The story is similar in Europe, with internal combustion vehicle sales down significantly from their peak. In the U.S., EV sales are poised for a breakout year with support from the Inflation Reduction Act.

AUTO REVIEW

2023 Lexus RZ 450e a solid EV — but it's far from perfect

By Larry Printz
Tribune News Service

The 2023 Lexus RZ 450e. **LEXUS**

2023 LEXUS RZ 450E

Base price: $59,650
Motors: 150kW front and 80kW rear
Horsepower/Torque: 308/320 pound-feet
EPA estimated range: 220 miles
Recharge time (240 volts): 9.5 hours
Length/Width/Height: 189.7/74.6/64.4 in.
Ground clearance: 7.8 in.
Payload: 1,201 pounds
Cargo capacity: 23.7-55.6 cubic feet

Naysayers have criticized Toyota and Lexus for not getting into the electric vehicle space as quickly as some of their rivals. Yes, EV market share in the U.S. nearly doubled last year to 5.6% from 3.1%. But that still leaves nearly 95% of U.S. consumers choosing cars powered by gasoline. So, it seems that Toyota does have time to enter the EV segment, something it did last year with the Toyota bZ4X.

Now, Lexus has done the same thing, with the introduction of the 2023 Lexus RZ 450e, which uses the same architecture as its Toyota cousin, in this case Toyota's New Global Architecture. But this is not a case of a Toyota with more window dressing, as the Lexus offers better performance and a host of luxury options.

The 2023 Lexus RZ 450e's overall appearance calls to mind the RX, but it lacks the RX's spindle grille. Instead, the RZ's sheet metal and trim are shaped to suggest its form in fine futuristic fashion. The RZ's overall look is similar to the RX, but carefully hewn to deliver a drag coefficient of 0.29, the slipperiest Lexus yet.

Because the 2023 Lexus RZ 450e's battery pack and electric motors are under the floor, it yields noticeable benefits inside, with more space than its conventional siblings of similar size. But strangely, storage space suffers, as Lexus has not fitted the RZ with a front trunk as on some other EVs, nor does it have a glovebox. Lexus claims that open space under the center console compensates, but there's no way to hide your items from view, nor secure them for safekeeping.

Of course, being that Lexus is seeking to enhance its green credibility, the interior of the RZ lacks wood and leather, opting instead for manmade materials, including fake suede. A 14-inch touchscreen houses most of the cabin's controls, although there are some conventional ones as well

Thoughtfully, the RZ450e is fitted with five USB-C ports: three up front and two in the back, as well as a wireless charger. Wireless Apple CarPlay and Android Auto come standard.

While technology is important, what matters more is the RZ's performance. Lexus claims the RZ runs zero to 60 mph in five seconds, which is good but not best-in-class. Unlike its Toyota counterpart, all-wheel drive is standard.

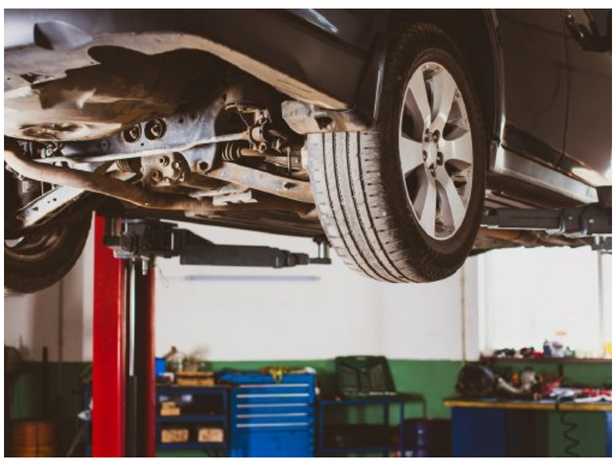
Engineers added extra bracing to enhance the RZ's feeling of solidity, which can be felt when flogging it on your favorite road. It feels solid, with minimal body roll and a comfy ride. The sizable battery pack does lend it a low center of gravity, enhancing its driving feel. But it's no sports car, nor would you expect it to be. Yet it handles fairly well, despite fairly numb steering. Of course, you could opt for the steer-by-wire option, which will be available in 2024 and incorporates a yoke-style steering wheel. It feels odd at first, but is easy to get used to.

All RZ EVs feature regenerative braking, which recovers energy generated from braking to help recharge the battery pack. Usually, you can adjust the amount of regeneration. Boost it, and you rarely have to use the brake pedal, as the regeneration slows the car. This allows the driver to use one pedal to drive, only rarely resorting to using the brake pedal. But regeneration effort is light in the RZ and can't be adjusted. So those who prefer one-pedal driving will be disappointed.

If you've driven a Lexus before, you'll find the Lexus RZ 450e to be a solid EV. But its lack of range, good but not great horsepower, pokey charging rate and lack of basic niceties, such as a locking glovebox, put it at a disadvantage against its competitors.

Should a steering angle sensor be reset after an alignment?

Bob Weber
Motormouth



After an alignment or other suspension work, the steering angle sensor must be recalibrated. **DREAMSTIME**

Q: I am an owner of a 2010 Equinox with 70,000 miles. After replacing all four struts, we had a wheel alignment done. The vehicle had a left pull after the alignment. My mechanic switched two front tires left to right. Vehicle still pulls left. I recently read that the steering angle sensor needs to be reset after an alignment. Is this true? I don't believe this was done on my vehicle. What is the function of the steering angle sensor?
— G.C., Chicago
A: Delphi Technologies, supplier of steering angle sensors to GM, says in its website, "As of the 2012 model year, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) required all new passenger vehicles sold in the U.S. to be equipped with ESC for overall safety. Electronic stability control (ESC) is a series of sensors that work with a computer to improve vehicle stability by detecting and reducing the loss of traction." The most important sensors are the yaw rate sensor, lateral acceleration sensor, wheel speed sensor and steering wheel angle sensor. After an alignment or other suspension work, the steering angle sensor must be recalibrated. This is simply done using a scan tool plugged into the OBD (onboard diagnostics) connector.

Q: I have a "howling" tire. After my tires were rotated it was on the left front. The noise was too much so the dealer rotated them all back to where they were. The dealer said the tire was cupped. My questions are what would cause a tire to cup and is it safe to keep driving on it? I have 30,000 miles on the tires. Still have good tread. Dealer told me there was no warranty to cover this. I bought the car new with these tires.
— C.T., Chicago
A: Although tire cupping can be due to a misaligned suspension, the most common cause is worn ride control devices — shock absorbers or struts. A bent rim is another slim possibility, but the dealer would have probably spotted it. Although annoying, the tire is acceptable to drive on until replaced.

Q: My wife bought a new Camry in 2018. She has put 10,000 miles on it. The car is in mint condition. We do not want to sell the car; we want to eventually give it to our grandson. I turn on the car once a week and idle it for 10 minutes, but I do not take it out of the garage. The car has a synthetic oil in it. Should I be doing anything else to preserve it?
— M.K., Bloomingdale, Illinois
A: It sounds like your grandson will be getting a sweet ride. Meanwhile take the car out for a spin about once a month or so. Drive a combination of local and highway speeds. Give it some exercise. And, oh, change the oil based on the time interval stated in your owner's manual.

Q: I was told many years ago (maybe 40 years ago) that you should never shift from reverse to drive or drive to reverse before completely stopping because it will damage the transmission. Is this true? My husband always does this on my 2015 Nissan Murano and it worries me.
— B.F., Dundee, Illinois
A: It's still a good idea to come to a stop before shifting from reverse to drive, but it is not essential like it used to be. Instead of relying on hydraulic pressure to switch gears, today's cars use solenoids controlled by a computer. Now, as one solenoid applies, another solenoid releases at the proper time.

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ACTION ARCHIVE

The movies' greatest high-octane scenes, from the silent film era to 'John Wick 4'

Keanu Reeves as John Wick in "John Wick: Chapter 4." **MURRAY CLOSE/LIONSGATE**

Michael Phillips
On Further Review

Archeologist Indiana Jones, played by Harrison Ford, eyes a golden idol in "Raiders of the Lost Ark." **LUCASFILM**

With director Chad Stahelski's massively successful opening week of "John Wick: Chapter 4" dominating a nervous film industry at the moment, the time is right to argue about the movies' century-plus tradition of action cinema.

Cathartic or punishing, guns or knives, a waking dream or a threatening nightmare in motion, memorable action scenes were made for the medium. We all have our favorites. One person's lost ark is another's throne of blood.

Let's have New York magazine and Vulture film critic Bilge Ebiri take it from here. Ebiri, one of my National Society of Film Critics colleagues, is a true action aficionado, with a particular enthusiasm for the art and craft of stunt work. In 2019 he wrote a Vulture piece agitating for the creation (not yet fulfilled) of a "best stunts" Academy Award. I spoke with Ebiri the other day, after he'd seen "John Wick: Chapter 4" a second time, to help me work through the reasons someone (me, for instance) might like the third, smaller-scale "John Wick 3" better than the new, bigger, longer, more outlandish adventure in assassinating assassins before they assassinate the other assassin.

In our conversation, we explore action scenes of all kinds that mean something to us personally. Ebiri's benchmarks start with "Life of an American Fireman," an almost seven-minute 1903 silent film from Edwin S. Porter, whose photoplay "The Great Train Robbery" changed movie tastes permanently later that same year. His key action beats include Akira Kurosawa's "Seven Samurai," Steven Spielberg's "Raiders of the Lost Ark" — and, as Ebiri notes, even something like a not-good movie that saves itself from itself, sometimes, with a single, insane showcase for destructive mayhem. In other words: Michael Bay.

The interview has been edited for clarity and length.

Q: Bilge, you've written a lot about stunt work in the movies, and its huge significance to the action genre. I'm still wrestling with how I came away from "John Wick 4" with a few really good sequences in my head — the Osaka hotel melee, the best of the Paris scenes including the Arc de Triomphe carousel of carnage, the already-famous Rue Foyatier staircase attack. Yet the smaller-scale highlights of the previous one, "John Wick 3," I guess that's more my speed.

A: You're not wrong about "John Wick 3" I re-watched all of them last week, including seeing "4" again. I mean, I like "John Wick 4" a lot. A lot. I had a similar reaction to you; in many ways "John Wick 3" is doing all these things better. But I love "4" because that last hour is incredible. The advantage of "3" is that each action scene has its own

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Finding sense of hope in 'A Soldier's Play'

Broadway star Norm Lewis says show, set in 1944, has themes parallel to today

By Emily McClanathan
For the Chicago Tribune

Charles Fuller's "A Soldier's Play," a murder mystery set on a segregated U.S. Army base in 1944, had an unusually long path to Broadway following its premiere by the Negro Ensemble Company in 1981. After winning a Pulitzer Prize for drama in 1982 and being adapted into an Academy Award-nominated film in 1984, the show finally debuted on Broadway in January 2020 in a Roundabout Theatre Company production that won a Tony Award for best revival of a play.

A Black playwright and screenwriter from Philadelphia, Fuller lived long enough to see his work on Broadway but died in October 2022, two months before the national tour of Roundabout's production began performances. This tour comes to the CIBC Theatre for two weeks in April with the lead role played by Norm Lewis, a Broadway star whose lengthy resume includes "The Phantom of the Opera," "Les Misérables," "Once on This Island" and "Porgy and Bess."

Speaking to the Tribune ahead of the show's Chicago run, Lewis said Fuller is "underrated — very much so." When presented with the opportunity to appear in this play, under the direction of his longtime friend Kenny Leon, his answer was "a definite yes." He considers the tour to be in honor of Fuller: "I never got a chance to meet him, but I'm so proud and honored to be saying his words."

"A Soldier's Play" opens with the murder of Sgt. Vernon C. Waters, a Black noncommissioned officer on an army base in Louisiana. Lewis plays Capt. Richard Davenport, a lawyer who graduated from Howard University and now serves in the military police. When he is assigned to investigate the homicide, Davenport represents the first Black

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Norm Lewis as Captain Richard Davenport in "A Soldier's Play," in Chicago at the CIBC Theatre. **JOAN MARCUS**

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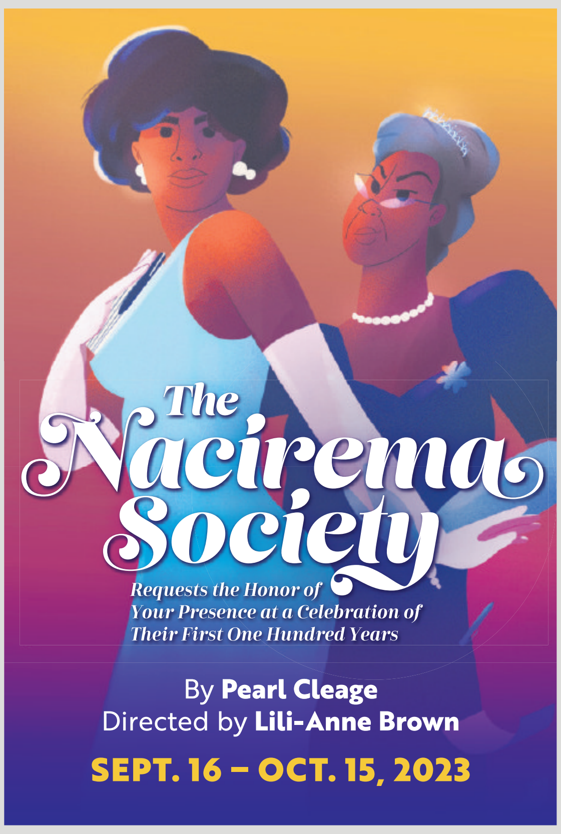

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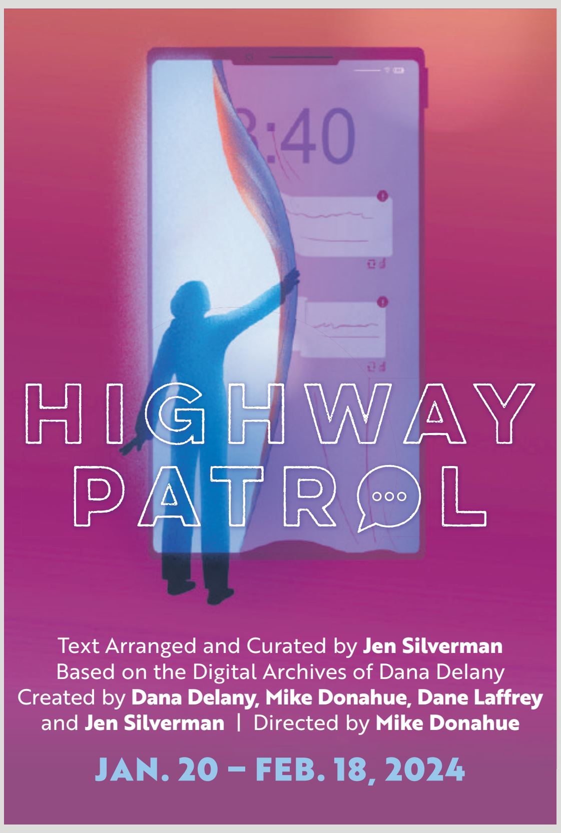

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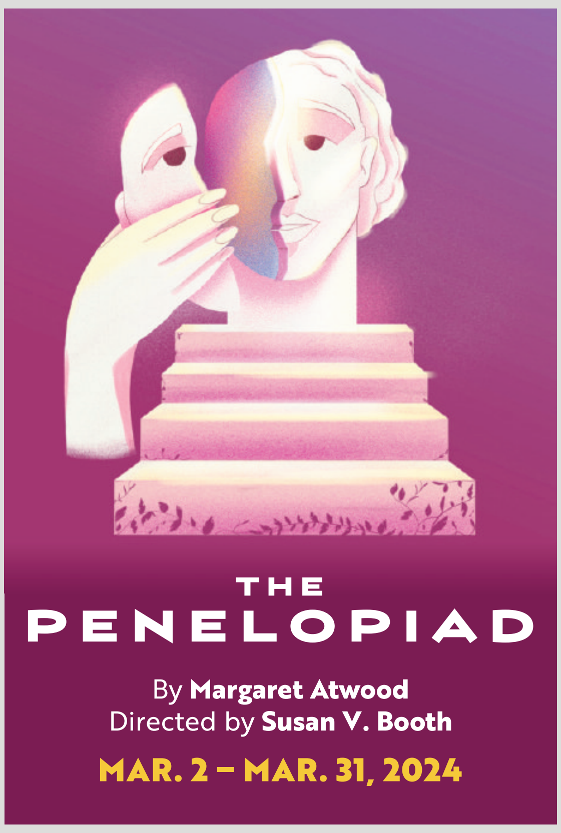

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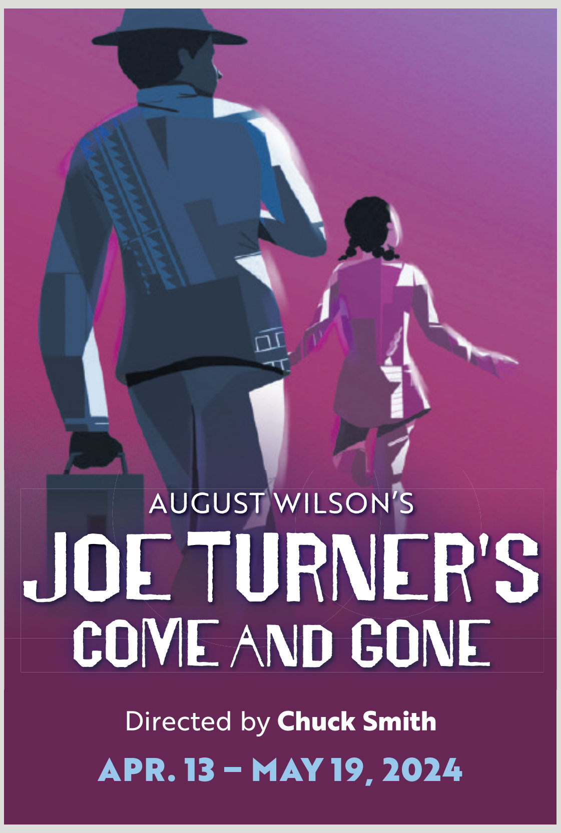

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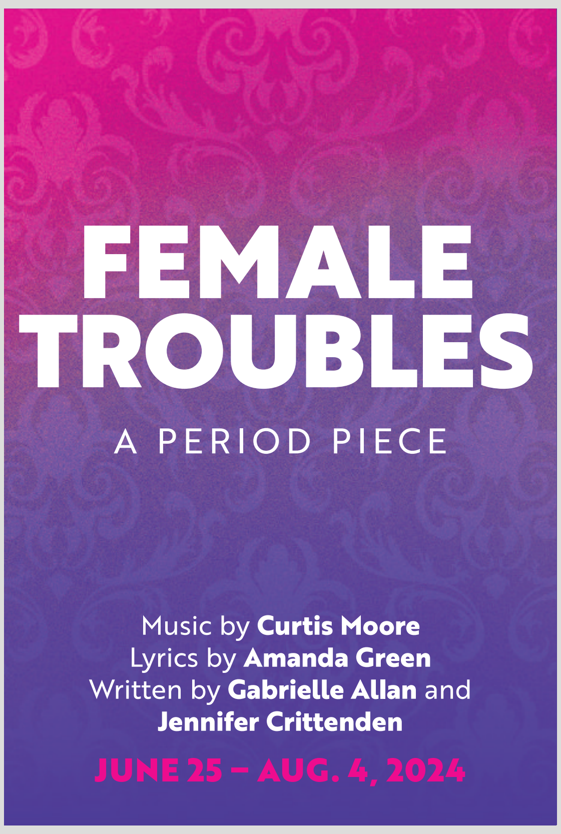

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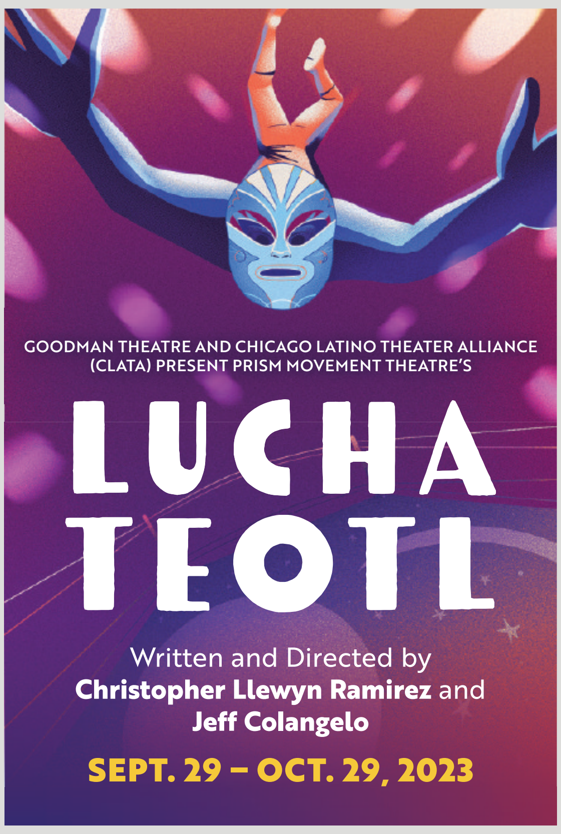

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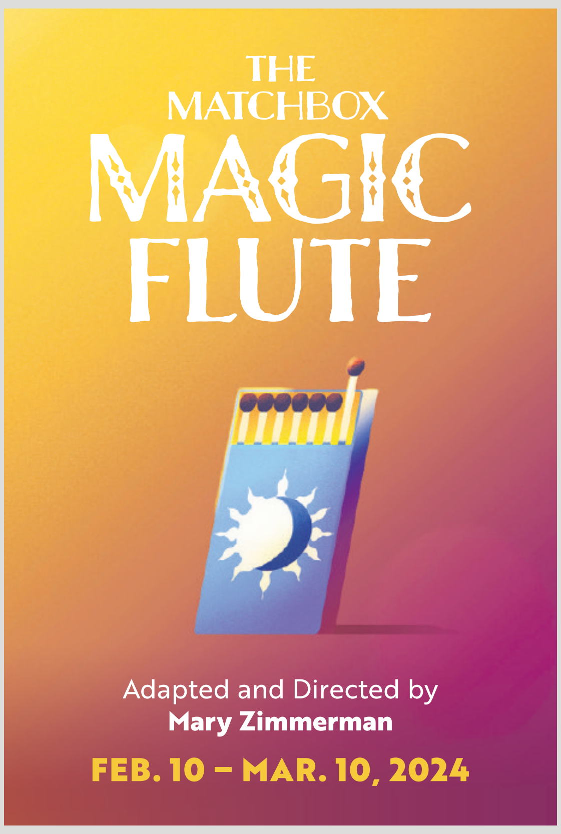

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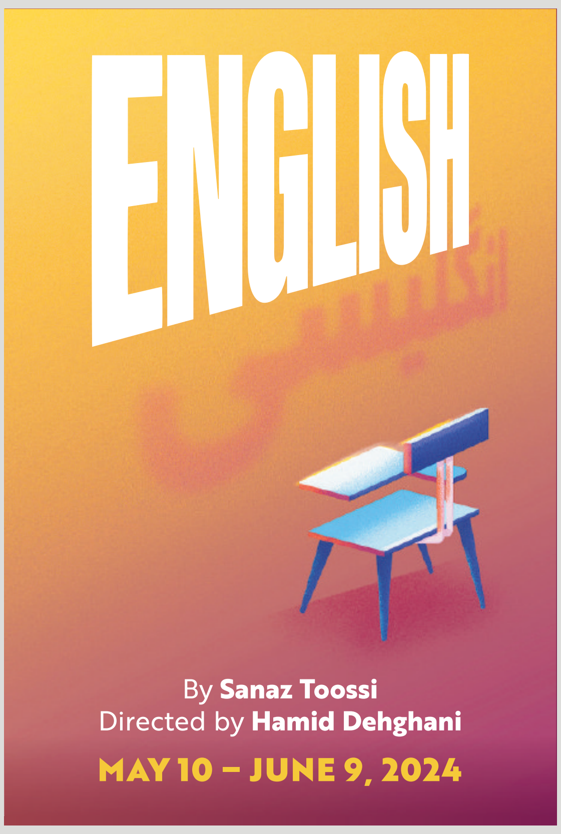

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A pair of Broadway contenders in the 1st season for Susan Booth

By Chris Jones
Chicago Tribune

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Susan Booth is the new artistic director of the Goodman Theatre. **JOE MAZZA**

"Seasons," says Susan V. Booth, "need to reveal themselves."

Booth announced her first one Wednesday as the new artistic director of the Goodman Theatre, taking over the role from Robert Falls, who served for more than three decades. The Goodman's 98th year has many tantalizing highlights, including a new show created and performed by the actor Dana Delany, famed for her work on "Desperate Housewives," which draws from her own experience as the victim of an online scam involving a correspondent who turned out to be very much other than who they claimed to be.

That piece, penned by Jen Silverman and titled "Highway Patrol," already has a commercial producing partner and seems a likely candidate for Broadway, said Booth, who was known for producing several pre-Broadway tryouts in her previous job as artistic director of the Alliance Theatre in Atlanta.

The other show likely for Broadway is a new musical, "Female Troubles," a period comedy about female reproductive rights, slated for the summer of 2024 and penned by Gabrielle Allan and Jennifer Crittenden, with music by Curtis Moore and lyrics by Amanda Green. (Academy Award winner Ariana DeBose and Bonnie Milligan recently recorded a number from the musical in the studio.)

Mary Zimmerman also is creating a new show for Booth's debut season, a pocketbook version of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's "The Magic Flute." The project, Booth said, will be in the vein of Zimmerman's Lookingglass Theatre holiday hit "The Steadfast Tin Soldier" and allow for an intimate exploration of that opera, with one foot in the operatic world and another in the theatrical. "Mary aims to demystify the material," Booth said.

The complete 2023-24 Goodman Theatre season:

"The Nacirema Society" (Sept. 16 to Oct. 15 in the Albert Theatre): For the opener, Booth is generously throwing attention on a Chicago-based director, Lili-Anne Brown, who will direct the Pearl Cleage play about wealthy African American debutantes. Brown, who Booth says was a debutante herself, has a busy freelance directing career across the country. It's been a long time since a Cleage play has been seen at the Goodman; Booth previously directed this work at the Alabama Shakespeare Festival in 2010. "What August Wilson contributed to the canon of roles for Black actors," Booth said, "Pearl has added to the canon for Black actresses."

"Lucha Teotl" (Sept. 29 to Oct. 29 in the Owen Theatre): A coproduction with the Chicago Latino Theater Alliance as part of the Destinos Festival, Prism Movement Theater's "Lucha Teotl" is written and directed by Christopher Llewyn Ramirez and Jeff Colangelo. It's about the world of lucha libre, or Latino pro wrestling.

"A Christmas Carol" (Nov. 18 to Dec. 31 in the Albert Theatre): The 46th annual holiday production of the Charles Dickens story is adapted by Tom Creamer, directed by Jessica Thebus, with the expected return of longtime favorite Larry Yando as Scrooge.

"Highway Patrol" (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18, 2024, in the Albert Theatre): World premiere directed by Mike Donahue, written by Silverman from Delany's digital archives.

"The Matchbox Magic Flute" (Feb. 10 to March 10, 2024, in the Owen Theatre): A world premiere adapted and directed by Zimmerman.

"The Penelopiad" (March 2-31, 2024 in the Albert Theatre): Booth's directing debut as Goodman artistic director (though she previously directed at the theater as literary manager). Margaret Atwood's play is a feminist take on, or response to, Homer's "The Odyssey" with multiple characters. Booth said the piece has been seen across Canada and the U.K., but not in Chicago or New York.

"Joe Turner's Come and Gone" (April 13 to May 19, 2024, in the Albert Theatre): Chuck Smith directs a revival of August Wilson, part of a project to restage each of Wilson's plays — several of which premiered at the Goodman — but this time in the chronological order of their setting.

"English" (May 10 to June 9, 2024, in the Owen Theatre): Booth has forged a coproduction with the Guthrie Theatre of Minneapolis: a staging of Sanaz Toossi's "English," directed by Hamid Dehghani. The show, set among foreign-language students in 2008 Iran, was well received in New York in 2022, where it was a coproduction of the Atlantic and Roundabout theater companies.

"Female Troubles" (June 25 to Aug. 4, 2024, in the Albert Theatre): A world premiere musical comedy set in 19th century England.

"I think," Booth said of the season, "that the theme that has presented itself is, 'from whose point of view?'

The play development program known as the New Stages Festival will also return, with a focus that now will include musicals, Booth said. Season tickets and various packages are now on sale at goodmantheatre.org

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'Soldier's'

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William Connell and Norm Lewis in "A Soldier's Play," in Chicago at the CIBC Theatre. **JOAN MARCUS PHOTOS**

The cast of "A Soldier's Play," in Chicago at the CIBC Theatre.

officer that most of the men on base, Black or white, have ever seen.

Structured as a police procedural, the show centers on Davenport's interrogations, which are interspersed with flashbacks to the events leading up to Waters' death. But the play is much more than a crime drama; it sheds light on the history of segregation and racism — both on a systemic and individual level — in the U.S. Army and broader American society. An army veteran himself, Fuller often focused on African American history in his works; some are based on actual events while others, including "A Soldier's Play," are fiction with deep historical roots.

"The story itself is told through Black eyes," Lewis said. "I think that that's one reason why it's so important to get this message out around the country, because it is telling our story."

Without giving away too much of the plot, he noted that there are many parallels between the play's themes and current events. "History repeats itself," he said. "You have to understand the history to move forward. People right now are trying to erase our story, which is upsetting. And also, there's a lot of self-loathing that's within this story — trying to be what someone thinks they should be in order to be accepted — so this show goes really deep within many different elements of what Black people go through in our society."

Lewis hopes bringing this show around the country will increase understanding and spark important conversations. He recalls that when he was in college, many of his white classmates had never spoken with a Black person until they met him. "They'd seen people in their community, but they'd never gone up to them and talked to them, and they were shocked by how I spoke or how I acted."

"A lot of people are still going through that," he continued. "There are pockets around this country [where] people down't experience each other culturally. This show will give you just a little sense, just a little taste, of what people have gone through — what they continue to go through."

Lewis also shared a quotation from Eugene Lee, who plays Sergeant Waters on the tour and was also part of the original Negro Ensemble cast, alongside a young Denzel Washington and Samuel L. Jackson. "One of his most quotable lines is that 'You can't hate anything that you understand,' " Lewis said. "So, if you come to this show with an open heart and an open mind, hopefully, you will understand a little bit better."

The cast feels the weight of sharing this history onstage, and they have bonded through the process. "In theater, you open your whole soul and your heart on that stage and during the rehearsal period," Lewis explained. "You become close very quickly." Offstage, the ensemble continues to develop a strong sense of community, and they pray before going onstage. "There's a sense of responsibility of telling the truth and honoring these men," he said. "We hold each other accountable to do that."

Leon's "beautifully crafted" staging features more music than the original production, said Lewis. The script calls for one of the enlisted men, Private C.J. Memphis (Sheldon D. Brown), to sing and play the guitar, but Leon's ensemble of soldiers also sings work songs that were typically sung by imprisoned Black men. This music reflects the nature of Black soldiers' status in the army during this period, noted Lewis. Instead of being properly trained in preparation for combat, they were assigned to clean up details and other menial tasks. "It was kind of like being a prisoner," he said.

Leon helped the cast push through some difficult moments in rehearsals, particularly the white actors who play racist characters. When they rehearsed offensive lines — one actor has to say a racial slur nine times per show — Leon encouraged them to "use every privilege that you have because that's how people were at that time," Lewis recalled. "You have to bring the truth to this audience and to this story," Leon told them.

Ultimately, Lewis would like audiences to come away from "A Soldier's Play" with a sense of hope. Despite the virulent racism and tragic events depicted in the play, "there's still a lot of hope," he said. "And the way that Kenny ends the show — he melds the two worlds together of 1944 to 2023. It's wonderful. It really is."

"A Soldier's Play" runs April 4-16 at the CIBC Theatre, 18 W. Monroe St.; tickets start at $35 at 800-775-2000 and broadwayinchicago.com

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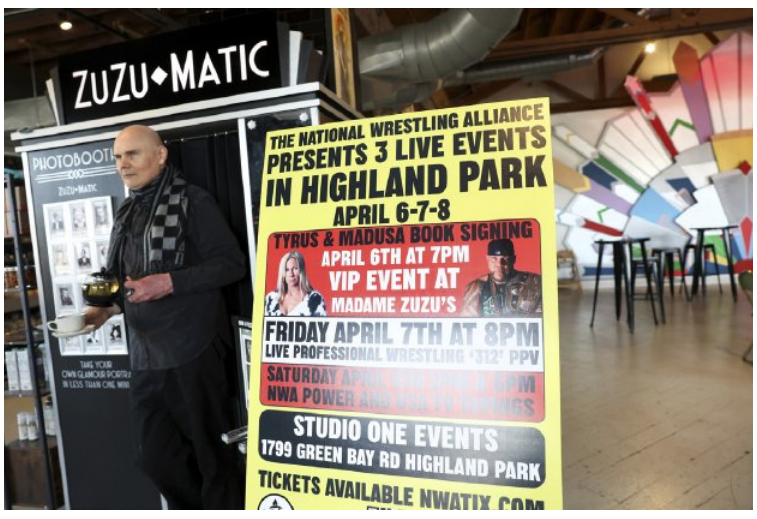
Corgan to put on benefit wrestling match in Highland Park

By Doug George
Chicago Tribune

Smashing Pumpkins frontman Billy Corgan at his Madame Zuzu's tea shop in Highland Park on March 25. The tea shop will be the site of a fundraiser all benefiting the Highland Park Community Foundation's July 4th Recovery Fund. **CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS**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Billy Corgan — frontman of the Smashing Pumpkins, famous resident of Highland Park — is a wrestling fan. Not the hipster kind of wrestling fan, not the kind of ironic appreciation also given over to bowling and vintage cocktails. Corgan is a real wrestling fan, he has been since he was a kid, to the point that he owns the promotion company National Wrestling Alliance and often works full-time putting on matches and other pro wrestling events.

The next of those events will be later this week in Highland Park and will include a book signing at Madame Zuzu's, the tea shop Corgan owns and runs with his partner Chloé Mendel, followed by two nights of professional wrestling at Studio One on Green Bay Road, all with select proceeds benefiting the Highland Park Community Foundation's July 4th Recovery Fund.

Corgan has also recently brought pro wrestling on tour with the Smashing Pumpkins — the first World is a Vampire Festival was in Mexico City in March with a bill that also included bands such as Interpol and Turnstile along with live matches. World is a Vampire next heads to Australia later this month on a 10-stop tour.

His wrestling devotion is no secret at this point — Corgan made headlines founding Resistance Pro Wrestling back in 2011 and has been active as an owner and promoter since — but for those who mostly know his name through his hit songs it can still come as a surprise.

"But less and less so," he said in a recent interview. "At first, people treated it like another sign of my insanity, then as a curiosity. Now more people know I treat it seriously."

Since founding Resistance Pro Wrestling, Corgan was next involved with the promoter Total Nonstop Action Wrestling from 2015 to 2016, then purchased the National Wrestling Alliance in 2017.

"I'm still learning how to be a promoter," he said. He has a small staff and an office and often puts in 40 to 50 hours a week. "It's a full-time job. There are times when I wish that the music didn't take so much of my time. But let's put it this way, the rock still pays for the wrestling."

He pauses to clarify, he doesn't want to give the sense that he's leaving music behind. More that wrestling is not a side hobby. Running the NWA has been a big learning curve. As a wrestling brand, he said, it dates back to 1948; it had been neglected when he bought it but he's making progress toward making it a viable business.

The book signing at Madame Zuzu's will be a ticketed event, headlined by heavyweight wrestler Tyrus and women's wrestler Madusa. The matches at Studio One will be live with Friday night's "NWA 312" also available by pay-per-view.

Corgan and Mendel have organized fundraisers for the Highland Park Community Foundation's response fund before. A couple of weeks after the mass shooting that killed seven during the northern suburb's 2022 Fourth of July parade, Corgan was joined by Perry Farrell of the band Jane's Addiction for a benefit concert that raised a reported $250,000.

So what is it about professional wrestling?

"I grew up watching it," said Corgan, now 56. "I am at the point in my life where I like that it's still rebellious." It's an entertainment where the rough edges have not been sawed off, he said. "And of course, the good guy always wins. Good triumphs over evil, there's both pride and conflict."

He said he loved that at World is a Vampire in Mexico City — the festival borrows its name from the lyrics to the 1995 Pumpkins song "Bullet with Butterfly Wings" — the wrestling was on equal footing with the music.

"It was never going to be, 'Oh, the wrestling is over there in the parking lot.' We made sure the ring was right up by the main stages. And it was great, there was a band on stage with 10,000 people watching, and when the band was done, they all walked over and watch the wrestling. It wasn't like, 'the wrestling is on, let's go get a hot dog.' " he said.

The wrestlers felt respected, "and it brought some fun and levity that was so different from the people in black up on stage. Myself included."

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style and approach; one is a two-person fight involving books — no shooting in that one. Another is just daggers flying, and glass. Each sequence highlights a different weapon, a different set of objects. And there are times when "4," especially in the first half, when it feels more like, OK, he's just going to be shooting a lot of people. In the head. And that takes us back to the first big action scene in "John Wick 1."

Once the Paris traffic melee kicked in, though, I was all-in. It's just so crazy, and incorporates so many of the stunts we've seen over the course of the series. In "4," as you see in earlier "John Wicks", there's even a nod or two to Buster Keaton.

Q: Keaton's my idea of America's supreme action hero. You know?
A: Oh, yeah. Of course. He's arguably our first great action filmmaker.

"Raiders of the Lost Ark" was a formative experience for me. I was 8 when "Raiders" came out. I grew up in Turkey until I was 7. We don't even have a word for "babysitter" in Turkish, so my parents took me to whatever movies they went to. We moved to the U.S. in 1980; that first year, it was just me and my mom. She took me to see "The Empire Strikes Back." I didn't know any English then, so she was whisper-translating to me while we were watching. But by the time "Raiders" came out, a year later, I'd learned English and that movie just blew me away.

I watch "Raiders" all the time, and the scene that jumps out at me is that truck chase, which is incredible. And it makes no spatial sense whatever! (laughs) They're in the desert but suddenly the guy's flying off a huge cliff, and it's like, where did that cliff come from? I remember seeing a making-of segment on "Entertainment Tonight" or something similar, and that was when I first learned about what a stuntman does. "Oh! There are people who do this sort of thing for the movies!" I was 8, and ever since then, I've been fascinated by that whole world.

I've always enjoyed talking to stunt professionals because they tell you really specific things about how scenes are done. Directors never talk about specifics. You ask them about a scene, and they're like, "Oh, well, you know, it's all about character." Stunt professionals are different, they'll say, "OK, the guy was strapped to *this* thing, and there was a cable *there,* and the breakaway glass went *there."* I love that kind of stuff. Cinematographers will do that, too. They aren't afraid to get technical, and they have no media training (laughs).

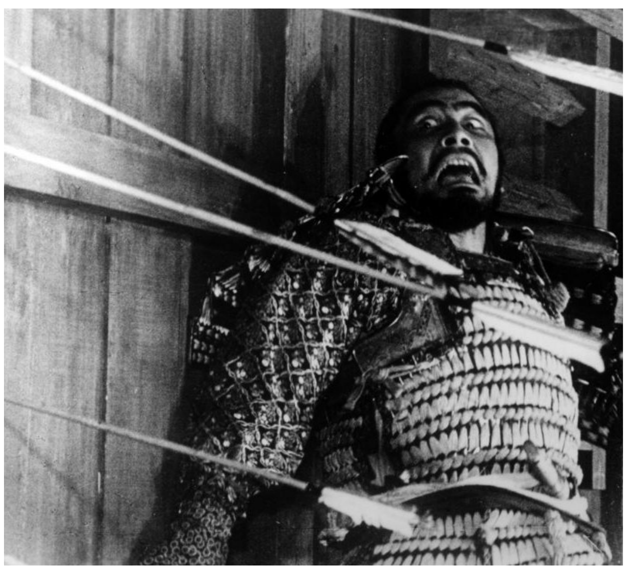
Q: Where do you start historically with action scenes that mean a lot to you?
A: We mentioned Keaton. But a generation earlier, you have to start with Edwin S. Porter's "The Life of an American Fireman." It's the movie that introduces intercutting between sequences to create suspense.

The movie I like to cite as (the beginning) of modern action is "Seven Samurai." In that one, Kurosawa introduced slow motion (into action), and I think it's the first time we see the interweaving of what we commonly know now as Sam Peckinpah-style slow motion. There's a scene in "Seven Samurai" when one of the warriors kills somebody and you see the guy falling in slow motion. Then the scene continues in regular speed, and then cuts back to the guy falling in slow motion again. From that, you go straight to Arthur Penn in "Bonnie and Clyde" and to Peckinpah in "The Wild Bunch." That extends all the way to John Woo and Hong Kong cinema in the '80s and '90s. And then American filmmakers copied the Hong Kong filmmakers.

Q: If I had to pick a single action sequence by Kurosawa, I'd go with the watch tower scene from "Throne of Blood," with Toshiro Mifune and that onslaught of arrows.
A: Yeah!

Keanu Reeves eyes the 222-step Sacre Coeur stairway to punishment in "John Wick 4." **LIONSGATE**

Robert De Niro and Val Kilmer square off against the LAPD after a bank heist in Michael Mann's "Heat." **WARNER BROS**



Toshiro Mifune stars in Akira Kurosawa's "Throne of Blood." **TOHO COMPANY**

Q: Didn't Walter Hill, another master of screen action, credit everything he learned from watching Kurosawa?
A: He did, yes. The thing about "Seven Samurai," as great as something like that great climactic battle is — it would mean nothing if we didn't care about the people. That sounds like horse—t, the kind of thing filmmakers always say in interviews. But it's true! When I was thinking about great action scenes in movies I thought to myself "Well, I gotta have something from "Die Hard." The weird thing is, I don't remember specific action scenes from "Die Hard" that are particularly exceptional. What I remember mainly is Bruce Willis (and Alan Rickman). It's the way I feel about "In the Line of Fire," Wolfgang Petersen's film with Clint Eastwood. That's severely underrated. There are a lot of well-directed scenes in that picture, but it's all about the characters, John Malkovich's and Eastwood's.

Q: It's a generalization, but those films of the late '80 and early '90s belong to the last pre-digital effects age. This is one thing I struggle with, or against. Sometimes the digital effects futzing gets in the way of really good staging and stunt work.
A: The digital component to action movies is interesting. I've talked to a lot of VFX artists over the years. They're in the same boat as stunt professionals — they're the disrespected professionals who actually make the whole thing run. Get rid of them, and you don't have a film industry anymore. The VFX artists' contention is that bad VFX is the result of bad filmmaking because too many directors don't know how to deal with it. … But there are exceptions. "Top Gun: Maverick" uses VFX seamlessly.

Q: The long COVID delay on that film's release may have been the luckiest break it caught; they had more time and spent a few more million making the flying look as good as possible.
A: Right! And look at "Mad Max: Fury Road." *Tons* of practical stunt work, amazing stuff. They spent years making those cars and trucks and figuring everything out. That was the best thing to happen to that movie — the fact that it took 11 years to make it! I don't know if there's a single shot in "Fury Road" that doesn't have VFX in it, but that's a great example of (computer-generated imagery) being used in tandem with practical footage to create something spectacular.

For practical stunts, you have to talk about John Woo's "Face/Off," which is not a film I loved when I first saw it. The boat chase in that film is incredible, and there are so many shots in it where you can see it's clearly not John Travolta and Nicolas Cage on the boats. Some people criticized it for that. I probably did, too. But now I think it's pure genius. When you see actual stunt people doing it, you're telling the audience: We really did this.

Q: Let's talk about Michael Mann, because it's always worth talking about Michael Mann. Do you have a favorite scene of his that, for you, captures his mastery of action filmmaking?
A: Two scenes. One is the shootout in the middle of "Heat." I don't think of "Heat" as an action movie, really, or even that sequence as an action sequence because it's not conventionally thrilling. I think that scene is *terrifying*. Some action scenes, you can just pop on the screen to re-watch for the pleasure of it, including some scenes by Michael Mann. But the "Heat" shootout is too scarring for that.

We sometimes talk about how our fondness for action movies and shoot-em-ups aligns with the gun culture in the United States. But I always say if violent movies directly resulted in violent people, there'd be nobody left in Hong Kong! There are other factors to consider. I don't put it all on the movies.

Anyway, back to Michael Mann. I'd also point to the last 12 minutes of "The Last of the Mohicans," which is a chase, and a fight, and a lot of beautiful music. Incredibly romantic, incredibly sad, beautifully performed with zero dialogue. That's one of the greatest sequences ever.

Q: One scene I come back to a lot, and it has exerted a heavy, dubious shaky-cam influence on lesser movies, is the Tangier fight sequence in Paul Greengrass' "The Bourne Ultimatum." Just after Bourne crashes through the window across the alley, from the moment he's taking on the assassin Desh to the moment Desh dies in the shower, it's 109 seconds made up of 122 separate shots. That really shouldn't be visually coherent. But for me, it works for a lot of reasons, not least of which is there's a real sense of difficulty. No zingers, no bloodlust. It kind of makes the audience eat it, and there's at least some sense of emotional or psychic aftermath. It sobers the audience up.
A: Right. A similar scene, not in pacing, God knows, but in effect, is the killing at the farmhouse in Hitchcock's "Torn Curtain," when Paul Newman is going through hell trying to kill Gromek. It really puts the lie to every other killing scene like it. I know what you mean by Grassgrass' intentions. He really isn't out to give audiences an easy thrill. He comes out of a British documentary tradition, and yet his action vernacular became a part of so many action movies that followed, even if most of his imitators weren't very good.

The "Bourne" movies, the best ones, I think were designed for people who weren't necessarily action heads. But the action fans came along for the ride.

Q: Give me an example of an action movie, or even just a scene, you find morally reprehensible.
A: Huh! That's a good question. I don't hate the "Equalizer" movies, but they have a sadistic quality I don't like. They're different from the "John Wick" movies, which are so stylized and unreal they have a picture-book quality. I don't get a bad feeling in the pit of my stomach watching them. "Taken," for me, is like "The Equalizer" but worst. On the other hand, I'm a fan of some of the later Liam Neeson action films, like —

Q: "The Grey"? Please say "The Grey."
A: "The Grey"! But for the morally reprehensible action genre, I really don't like some of the 1980s action movies that refought America's battles from the 1960s and '70s: "Rambo: First Blood Part II," "Rocky IV," "Rambo III," the "Missing in Action" movies, "Invasion U.S.A.," "Red Dawn." I remember this stuff from my childhood. A lot of these movies were hugely influential in terms of action, and a couple of them are iconic nowadays, but I was always bothered — even as a kid — by the way they exploited the vengeful political atmosphere of Reagan's America. I just had zero use for this stuff, and I haven't been able to get on the ironic-revisionist train that now tries to tell me "Rocky IV" is some sort of masterpiece.

Q: Can you think of a scene in an action film that basically saved the movie's ass?
A: So many! But "Bad Boys II" — noxious film but the car chase is incredible. That movie has so much not to like, but the car chase is, like, OK: *This* is why we need to keep Michael Bay around.

Q: Let's close this way: I'd argue that "The Great Train Robbery" gave birth, with one pistol aimed directly at the audience's collective face, to the entire action genre. What do you see as the implications of that moment?
A: It's the fundamental deal we make with any action sequence, really. Terrify us. Make us feel like we're in danger. But also let us know we're safe.

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MY WORST MOMENT DERMOT MULRONEY

‘Scream VI’ star on the day Holly Hunter let him have it

Showing up unprepared, Mulroney forgets his lines on set of ‘Copycat’, causing a rift between him and his co-star

By Nina Metz
Chicago Tribune

Dermot Mulroney plays Detective Bailey in “Scream VI.” He talks about a worst moment in his career. **PHILIPPE BOSS/PARAMOUNT PICTURES**

Dermot Mulroney is in Australia shooting his next project and, because of his schedule, that meant talking to the Tribune by phone at 5 a.m. his time. That’s nothing new for actors, he said. “Even my own near-90-year-old mother turned to me a year or so ago and said, ‘Dermot, you really have been getting up early all these years.’ So I was really touched, 38 years into my career, by the acknowledgment that there’s a little more involved than just standing there and smiling,” he deadpanned.

These days Mulroney can be seen as Detective Bailey in “Scream VI,” which he describes as more than a scary movie, but also a whodunit. “It really keeps ‘Scream’ in its own space in the — what do you want to call it, bloody massacre movies? — but that’s part of their point. ‘Scream’ tends to have more humor than other franchises, but the main thing for me is seeing the reveal. Ghostface is always Ghostface, except you never know who is under the mask … and that reveal has always been immensely satisfying for audiences.”

Mulroney’s roles have encompassed everything from the Western “Young Guns” early on, to a string of rom-com favorites including “The Wedding Date,” “The Family Stone” and the Chicago-shot “My Best Friend’s Wedding.”

When asked about a worst moment in his career, he replied: “I can effectively deglamorize myself for you, and I’ve picked out a particularly miserable tale. I had to weed through so many memories of humiliation, but what I picked out is truly a heart-wrenching tale of personal woe. As soon as they told me this was for “My Worst Moment,” this story *immediately* popped into my head. I’ve never told this story anywhere other than to other actors who say, ‘What’s the worst experience you’ve had on the set?’ ”

Mulroney is a raconteur like few others.

My worst moment …
“I was working on a film called ‘Copycat’ in 1994. I was playing the young police detective in San Francisco partnered with the more veteran detective played by Holly Hunter. And we were on the case — like everyone else was in 1994 in the movies — of a crazy psycho serial killer.

“At the time we were making the movie, I had a record deal and was recording an album for Interscope Records. So instead of learning my difficult lines the night before — it was rapid dialogue in a scene between Holly and myself — I composed a mandolin solo for a wonderful song called ‘Identified, Detained and Inspected’ from The Low & Sweet Orchestra album, which is called ‘Goodbye to All That.’ That song still lives to this day and that mandolin solo in between the lyrics is brilliant, so it wasn’t time wasted. I wasn’t just doing crossword puzzles instead of learning my lines. But I was messing around with a musical instrument instead of keeping my eye on the prize.

“So, let me describe the scene then the fallout: It was a classic car chase through San Francisco where the cars are flying over the hills. She’s driving, I’m the young rookie sitting next to her. And how it works in the movies, our car is being towed by a camera truck that’s banging down this hill for this long stretch of dialogue.

“And I don’t know my lines. I realized it at that moment.

“And then panic sets in and I *really* don’t know my lines. Any actor will know what I mean — there’s like a second level where you drop down into a panic vortex.

“So they tow us back around the neighborhood and it takes more than 10 minutes just to reset because of the traffic and coming around one-way streets. We tried to run the lines a little bit. And I even resorted to taping the lines to the dashboard of the car, trying to learn the lines as we’re being *slowly* towed back up the hill.

“Then multiply that by about 30. We did close to 30 takes.

“The director’s upset — that’s Jon Amiel, who really did an amazing job that day. And then I began to cry *(laughs)* and the part I want to emphasize is the reset. The bone-chilling reset every time is what I remember. Having to stew in my own juices while I’m trying to panic-learn the lines while they’re towing the car and holding all this street traffic for us.

“So the end of the story is, that scene didn’t make the movie.

“But two things preceded the end of this story. The first was me going trailer to trailer at the end of the day apologizing, first to the director with my heart in my hands, beseeching his forgiveness. And I also attempted, in person, to make my final apology to Holly that day, who wasn’t open to it at that moment. So that was a difficult non-resolve. I left the set still on the verge of tears of what an abject failure I had been and how many people I had let down.

“The second was, not all of this story is mine to tell, but Holly did contact me that night. And that’s when I got her reaction — she really let me have it, is probably a kind way to put it.

“That was a profound moment — that another actor had to call me and read me the riot act about how I should be better prepared. To my credit, I took that in. And to my credit, I worked on the rest of the film in a very difficult dynamic that *I* caused between the star and one of the supporting characters, meaning myself. So that hasn’t set well with me over the years, either. It never got better on that film between us. It was a fatal error that chilled all the water around us and I take full and 100% responsibility for everything I’ve described.

“But it never got warmer on that set — to the point where I was concerned about how our characters would come off on screen, because we were supposed to have a strong dynamic, if not an attraction, in the storyline. And then I remember seeing the premiere and realizing that you can’t tell at all — it looks like they totally get along! That was its own lesson.”

Why does Mulroney think he couldn’t learn the lines during the time they were resetting?
“I was not in the right head space. I was spiraling. You talk to people about dramatic horror stories about life on set and I know other actors will report to this same syndrome, that once you start blowing lines, it feeds in on itself and gets worse and worse.

“But when I think back to that afternoon, and that phone call from Holly, I still get such an awful feeling in the pit of my stomach for having failed a production that badly. Everyone did their jobs that day except me.

“For a long time, my ongoing anxiety dream in hotels was that the camera crew from whatever movie I was working on would be at the foot of my bed and I’m trying to wake up but I can’t remember my lines and the camera crew’s saying, ‘Wake up, Dermot, you have to shoot this scene.’

“So this stands out as a failure. But you have to try to turn it into a positive. Shame is a powerful motivator, that’s really what it is. Shame can really stick to your guts, that’s what makes shame unique. And this one is still in there — it’s still stuck. It really affected me.

“I made my apologies and I course-corrected and was on point for the rest of that movie — and every movie in the 30 years that followed *(laughs)* but my remorse still remains.”

The takeaway …
“You can chalk it up to good luck — I think they use words like privilege now — but if you peel back my own feelings about it *(pause)*, my takeaway would be that when I made that movie, I had been an actor for eight years and I think I was still taking things for granted because I had an easy start. I had people who really put me forward and stuck their necks out for me, including Jon Amiel, who insisted I be cast in that movie. So I think that’s where the worm really turned for me: This is not a freaking playground party, man. This is an Academy Award-winning actor that I’m meant to meet at their level.

“So I had to tweak my approach and fine-tune it.

“I also tell myself: It wasn’t like I wasn’t doing *anything* that night before that scene, I came up with a brilliant piece of music! So sometimes when I confront those feelings of shame I think, yeah, but there’s that amazing song *(laughs)*. So that’s helped me process it over the years, knowing that something good came out of it.

“But even processing it here today with you, I really appreciate it. You can tell I’m still working on it. And fortunately the scene we’re shooting today, Rachel Griffiths does most of the talking, I just have to nod. So I don’t have difficult lines today. No shame!”

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Swallow forges way forward in Disney+ hit ‘Mandalorian’

Actor OK with fans not seeing face as that suits Armorer

By Mark Meszoros
The Willoughby (Ohio) News-Herald

Actor Emily Swallow arrives Feb. 28 to a screening of “The Mandalorian” Season 3 in California. **VALERIE MACON/GETTY-AFP**

On the phone from Los Angeles, Emily Swallow doesn’t sound much like the Armorer, the helmet-wearing character from the hit Disney+ “Star Wars” series “The Mandalorian,” who forges equipment and armor from the incredibly strong beskar steel and dispenses bits of Mandalorian wisdom to one to the show’s lead characters, Din Djarin (Pedro Pascal).

Created by Jon Favreau with the help of George Lucas protege Dave Filoni, “The Mandalorian” is now in its third season. That’s her in costume on the screen, Swallow says, so it’s not just a voice performance.

Born in Washington, D.C., but raised largely in Jacksonville, Florida, Swallow also is known for her role in several episodes of CBS’ “The Mentalist” and for portraying Amara/The Darkness — “the big bad,” as she puts it — in the 11th season of the long-running CW series “Supernatural.”

This interview with Swallow has been edited for clarity and length.

Q: Were you much of a “Star Wars” fan growing up?
A: Yeah, “Star Wars” was a part of the fabric of my childhood. I didn’t know a world without “Star Wars.” My earliest “Star Wars” memory is tied to the Ewoks. I played Ewok adventures in my backyard. Ewoks were totally my jam. And, of course, I was a fan of Princess Leia. And I always tell people these days, “I wanted to do the Princess Leia hair before we had YouTube tutorials.” It was such a hardship compared to these days.

Q: When you got this role, did you have to become steeped in Mandalorian history and learn all about the properties of beskar steel, or was it enough to just know your lines?
A: A little bit of both. I mean, I definitely wanted to learn more about Mandalorian culture when I first got cast. I had not watched “The Clone Wars” or any of the animated series, so I had to catch up on that. But one of the things that has been so intriguing to me about working on this character is it’s actually really helpful not to know too much about her. I find that she changes a lot, and sometimes she changes scene-to-scene, episode-to-episode in terms of knowing what to attach to her. And we’ve talked a lot about what she stands for symbolically and how she can best serve Din’s character in the arc of the story. She’s sort of bigger than a specific person that way. She functions sort of mythically — she’s an archetype. I am very fortunate to have Dave and Jon there on set — Dave Filoni is, of course, a walking encyclopedia of Mandalorian knowledge, so any questions that I needed to ask … I could just go to him. But, yeah, there have been things that I think I know about her, and I’ll get a new script and think, “OK, I guess that’s not true.” She’s still a little bit of a mystery to even me.

Q: The Armorer has a strong belief in the Mandalorian “way,” which, in part, requires not taking off one’s helmet around others. We’ve never seen your face in the show, and we’re imagining there’s a chance we never will. There are reports that frustrated Pascal, but, regardless of the accuracy of those reports, how do you feel about it?
A: I love it for the character. I think that it really serves her that we don’t see her face. On the most basic ego-actor level, of course there’s a part of me that’s like, “Oh man, I wish I could take off my helmet so people know who I am.” But in terms of the story, I really love that we don’t attach too much personality to her because I do think that she, as a character, functions so much in service to her people, functions so much in service to Din Djarin to further his story. As an actress — I’ve been doing this for a (few) years now — I am all too aware of what I look like and how that has played into whether or not I’ve been cast in certain parts, how people perceive whether I’m right for certain things. And I get way too caught up in that. To have this one character that has become beloved among the fans and that little girls look up to and people admire and people respect — and for that to have absolutely nothing to do with what I look like — is really cool. It’s incredibly freeing. Then as for her as a character, I also think she is respected among her people. She’s a woman, but that’s sort of just a detail that isn’t exceptional at all. She’s respected and admired and feared by some people, and that also has nothing to do with what she looks like. I like that that exists for her. It keeps her more mysterious. So, I’m sure if they do reveal her face, they’ll have a very good reason for it. But at the moment, I really like what it does for her, that there’s still that extra mystery and that we can’t pin her down.

Q: Obviously you’ve been in other projects, but it probably makes it easier to go to the grocery store right now than it would be if your face was all over this show.
A: Yeah, definitely. People recognize me a lot for Amara from “Supernatural” or from “The Mentalist” than from “The Mandalorian.”

Q: Well, we think everyone wants to know what Grogu, aka “Baby Yoda,” is like in real life.
A: Oh my gosh, he’s the biggest diva! I mean, he has not agreed to do a single interview. Like, he won’t talk to anybody, and we’re all out here trying to promote the show. (Laughs.)

Q: We have to ask you about another big show, another starring Pedro Pascal: HBO’s “The Last of Us.” You voiced the character Emily in the video game “The Last of Us Part II.”
A: I did motion-capture work for that, too.

Q: Have you started lobbying showrunners Craig Mazin and Neil Druckmann to play the character in a future season?
A: Well, only through interviews like this because everybody has asked me about it. I am definitely open to the idea if they would have me. It’s been years now since I did the work for that video game. I was just absolutely captivated by what (Naughty Dog game studio co-president Druckmann) has been able to do with the storytelling through video games and the fact that he’s now been able to translate that to this television series and to do it so successfully. People are completely caught up in that world and really loving the ride. I would love to be a part of that. I wouldn’t mind playing another character, who maybe stays alive a little longer. (Laughs.) Mine dies pretty quickly.

Practical Theatre Company proves you can go back home

Series of shows on stage at Evanston's Studio5: 'This is a great town to be old and funny in'

Rick Kogan

You can go home again and the proof is in the three members of the acclaimed Practical Theatre Company, Victoria Zielinski and her husband Paul Barrosse and their pal Dana Olsen. They made their return to the local stage scene in December and had such a fine time, such a creative and commercially successful time, that they decided to stay.

Olsen put it like this: "People get funny in their old age. It turns out this is a great town to be old and funny in. Our audience gets the references. That's a good thing, for us and them. So yeah, we'd wanted to keep the party going for a while. At least until we have to replace the bentwood chairs with mobility scooters."

Their new theatrical home is Studio5, operated by their old friend Steve Rashid who was also once a member of the PTC. He is a musician, performer and producer, and married to Bea Rashid, a choreographer, dance educator and theatrical director. She is also the director of Dance Center Evanston and founder of the Evanston Dance Ensemble. Together the couple runs Studio5, a performing arts venue that features all manner of events.

If you possess a sturdy memory, you should be able to raise a smile or two recalling that the Practical Theatre Company was formed by Barrosse (from Cleveland), Zielinski (a South Sider) and some other Northwestern University alums in 1979. You might have visited the gang's former "homes," the 42-seat storefront John Lennon Auditorium on Howard Street and a 150-seat space in Piper's Alley (now the Second City e.t.c. Stage).

Its shows were not only wildly entertaining but also influential. Smart and silly, witty and wonderful, they attracted a lot of attention, here and elsewhere. In 1982 some big shots came here from New York and plucked the four cast members of the PTC's "Golden 50th Anniversary Jubilee" to join the "Saturday Night Live" crowd. (Zielinski was to have been part of the show but had to bow out due to the demands of her law school studies). And so it was that Barrosse, Gary Kroeger, Brad Hall and a young woman named Julia Louis-Dreyfus moved to New York and "SNL"; the latter married Hall and, of course, went on to massive stardom on "Seinfeld" and beyond.

There were more PTC shows such as "Art, Ruth & Trudy," which moved from Club Victoria to the Briar Street Theatre and then ended its nine-month run at the Vic Theatre. But soon enough Barrosse and Zielinski married and moved to Los Angeles. Olsen was already there, going directly from Northwestern to becoming a staff writer for "Laverne and Shirley" and then writing for many other TV shows and making such movies as "The 'Burbs" and "George of the Jungle."

Barrosse and Zielinski devoted their Los Angeles lives and careers to raising two daughters. Once the girls were in college, they started to collaborate now and then with Rashid and Olsen. They eventually moved back here as did Olsen; Rashid had stayed.

Their December show, titled "Vic & Paul & Dana's Post-Pandemic Revue," was a delight and played to packed houses. One of those who saw it was Jason Brett, long a fixture on the local theater scene as an actor, producer and co-founder, with pal Stuart Oken, of the Apollo Theater. He was also a producer of the 1986 film comedy "About Last Night," based on David Mamet's play "Sexual Perversity in Chicago," and later an executive with the Second City.

Brett knows comedy and talent, and I asked him to write me a review of the show. He did: "Over the years, the high reference level satire and keenly observed behavioral comedy that were the founding principles of Chicago-style sketch comedy, has devolved into a brash, vulgar sameness that leaves you more agitated than amused.

"Not so with the Practical Theater Company. The recent show demonstrate their OG, Jedi mastery of the form. Whether it's a scene about the gods Zeus and Hera in marriage counseling, a mathematics professor experiencing woke-ism and cancel culture ("1+1 is 2. But what if 1+1 identifies as 3?"), the torrid correspondences between Jane Austen and James Clarke or a rap song about suburban living, PTC's rich dialogue, big characters and whip-smart choices reanimate the intelligence, wit and side-splittingly funny humor that is the hallmark of Chicago-style comedy."

The members of the Practical Theatre Company are Dana Olsen, Paul Barrosse, Victoria Zielinski and Steve Rashid. **BRADFORD ROGNE**

This current residency began quietly a couple of weeks ago with a screening of director Preston Sturges' riotous 1944 movie "The Miracle of Morgan's Creek." The threesome talked about Sturges' life and career and had what Barrosse called "a bit of a trivia contest."

The rest of the "season" rolls on with the "Practical Theatre on the Air," a comedy show in the form of an old radio broadcast, with music from Larry Schanker, PTC's original music director (April 8 and 9); "A Practical Birthday Party" (April 15), celebrating the PTC's 44th birthday; "The Bard's Birthday" (April 23), a Shakespeare-themed bash; "Silent Comedy with Larry Schanker," (April 30), featuring silent films and music; "Stand-Up Comedy Night" (May 13 and 14), with Olsen hosting some of the city's best comedy club performers, as well as Emilia Barrosse, Paul's and Victoria's daughter, who has written for such shows as HBO's "Veep"; and then the yet untitled revue for a June 8 through July 2 run.

Paul Barrosse calls this series "eclectic," and that it is but it is also provocatively ambitious, and that's the way the PTC has always been. He adds, "This schedule expresses the various facets of our artistic interest, from Shakespeare, to rock 'n' roll, stand-up comedy, and what we like to think we do best, the classic improv comedy revue, with a twist or two."

Rashid is happy to have his friends back on his stage, saying, "This has been bubbling up for a couple of years. You hit a point in your life when it's too late to make old friends, and finally getting to goof around onstage again with lifelong pals is just such tremendous fun."

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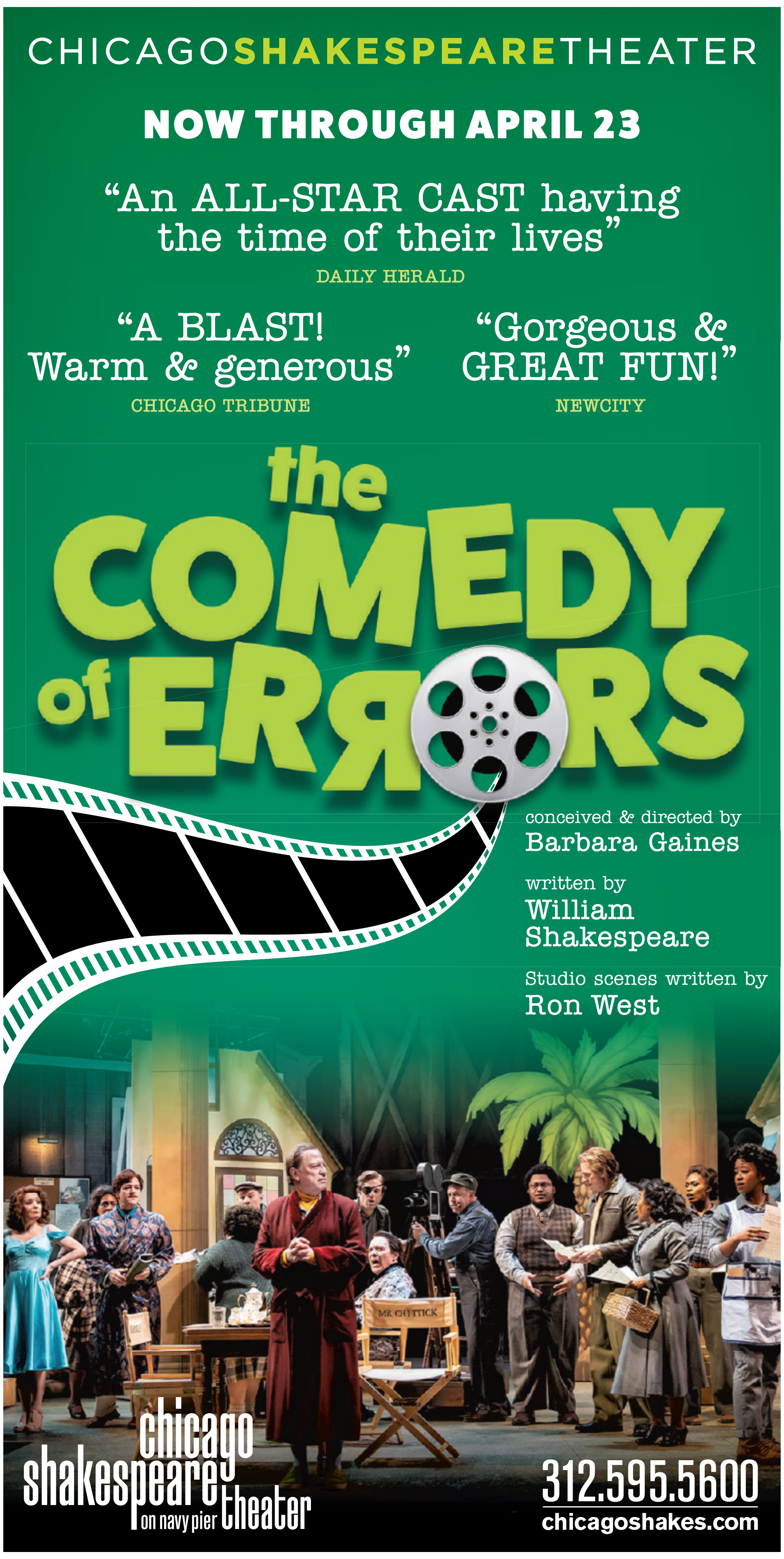

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Author Roxane Gay and musician and author Ahmir "Questlove" Thompson both have their own publishing imprints. Celebrity faces are good news for books, how about bibliophile Chris Pine next? **HARPERCOLLINS/GETTY/AP**

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Questlove is getting his own publishing imprint. These celebrities should too.

By John Warner
For the Chicago Tribune

Ahmir "Questlove" Thompson — musician, author, award-winning documentarian — is going to have his own publishing imprint, AUWA, nested under MCD books, which is part of one of the Big Five publishers, Farrar, Straus and Giroux.

Thompson, best known as drummer for the Roots and director of the Oscar-winning documentary "Summer of Soul," says he sees his new imprint as similar to a record label. His goal will be to "keep my ear to the streets, keep it underground and keep my eyes on people that you otherwise would have never have heard of, but who I feel can really do a paradigm shift."

This is great news on the publishing front. I've long been a champion of publishers tapping talented creators as scouts for writers who may not grab attention via the traditional routes.

I said the same thing just about two years ago, following the announcement that Roxane Gay would be overseeing her own publishing imprint for Grove Atlantic. I wish I was championing this kind of news more often than every couple of years.

Perhaps the problem is that publishers need some help thinking of celebrity artists who they should consider for the gigs. If that is the problem, I've got some suggestions below.

At the top of my list is Janelle Monáe because there's obviously nothing that the singer, rapper, actress and writer cannot do, so having a publishing imprint shouldn't be too tough. More important is the fact that she has already created a multimedia narrative with her album "Dirty Computer," which was also turned into a sci-fi film and associated short story collection, "The Memory Librarian: And Other Stories of Dirty Computer." While Questlove may have his ear to the streets, Monae seems like she'd have her eye on the stars.

Next on my list is my favorite of the acting Chrises, Chris Pine, star of the most recent "Star Trek" reboots and super charming in his role as Wonder Woman's love interest, Steve Trevor. Pine was an English major at UC Berkeley. He recently revealed an eclectic taste when giving Esquire a list of 15 books he thinks everyone should read, blowing past the magazine's requested number of five. Sounds like a guy who knows what he likes, a necessity for a good head of an imprint.

Since we're a Chicago publication, we need some Chicagoans, so how about a joint effort between two of our own who are already buddies: Jeff Tweedy and Nick Offerman?

Wilco frontman Tweedy has published poetry, memoir and the delightful quasi-self-help book, "How to Write One Song," while Offerman is a passionate reader and author of several books of his own, including, "Where the Deer and the Antelope Play: The Pastoral Observations of One Ignorant American Who Loves to Walk Outside," which features a hiking trip between Offerman, Tweedy and writer George Saunders. I'd love to see what they would do if they put their heads together. They can invite Saunders along as a creative adviser.

Quinta Brunson's ABC sitcom "Abbot Elementary" has done more to illuminate the lives of teachers and students attempting to work under very trying conditions than a dozen sober documentaries, while being delightfully funny and utterly charming in the process. For Brunson, I see an imprint that takes on contemporary issues but does so in a way that's engaging and illuminating to regular folks, much like her show.

I know these are all busy people and the relatively low glamour of books and publishing pales next to their primary gigs, but I'd be genuinely fascinated to see what kind of books they'd shepherd into the world.

John Warner is the author of "Why They Can't Write: Killing the Five-Paragraph Essay and Other Necessities."

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Book recommendations from the Biblioracle

John Warner tells you what to read based on the last five books you've read.

1. **"The Candy House"** by Jennifer Egan
2. **"I Have Some Questions for You"** by Rebecca Makkai
3. **"Lessons in Chemistry"** by Bonnie Garmus
4. **"Horse"** by Geraldine Brooks
5. **"Lincoln in the Bardo"** by George Saunders

— Evie P., Chicago

Francine Prose writes a lot of good books and one from a few years ago that I thought was particularly great but didn't get the attention it deserves is **"Mister Monkey."** I think it's a good fit for Evie.

1. **"Braiding Sweetgrass"** by Robin Wall Kimmerer
2. **"Demon Copperhead"** by Barbara Kingsolver
3. **"Shutter Island"** by Dennis Lehane
4. **"Billy Summers"** by Stephen King
5. **"Annihilation"** by Jeff VanderMeer

— Lane M., Naperville

Recommending this book has been either a huge hit or a slight miss for me, so there's a little risk, but I'm going to lean into the big upside and hope it provides Lane an experience that is both grooved to his interests and unlike anything he's read before, **"Version Control"** by Dexter Palmer.

1. **"The Heart is a Lonely Hunter"** by Carson McCullers
2. **"Absalom, Absalom!"** by William Faulkner
3. **"To the Lighthouse"** by Virginia Woolf
4. **"Revolutionary Road"** by Richard Yates
5. **"Nightwood"** by Djuna Barnes

— Blake N., Bloomington, Indiana

Quite an interesting list of books. Not the most uplifting array, but all emotionally potent and unsparing in their deep dives into some dark parts of humanity. If Blake hasn't read Flannery O'Connor's **"Wise Blood,"** he must because it would fit perfectly in this group.

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NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament: Championship

ABC, 2:30 p.m. Live

The women's college basketball national championship is on the line today at American Airlines Center in Dallas, where the tournament's two remaining teams square off for a place in hoops history.

NASCAR Cup Series: Toyota Owners 400

FS1, 2:30 p.m. Live

Top NASCAR Cup Series drivers Kyle Busch, Joey Logano, William Byron, Kyle Larson and others race for 400 laps around Richmond Raceway's 0.75-mile, D-shaped oval.

2023 CMT Music Awards

CBS, 7 p.m. Live; also streams live and on demand on Paramount+

'2023 CMT Music Awards'

JOHN SHEARER, GETTY FOR CMT

Multiplatform entertainer Kane Brown returns to co-host, with Kelsea Ballerini, country music's only fan-voted awards show. Brown, who has three nominations this year, will also perform, teaming up with his wife, Katelyn Brown, for the television world premiere of their hit single "Thank God." Also taking the stage will be Carrie Underwood, who looks to extend her Video of the Year win streak. Breakout star Lainey Wilson leads this year's field with four nominations, while Cody Johnson and Jelly Roll join Kane Brown with three nods apiece.

The Hand That Robs the Cradle

Lifetime, 7 p.m.

In this premiere film, a nanny discovers the little boy she's caring for was kidnapped and the couple who claim to be his parents are actually his captors. Stars Emily Miceli, Lesa Wilson and Sallie Glaner.

Vinyl Obsession

AXS TV, 7:30 p.m. ■ New Series

This series follows along with some of the biggest names in music as they visit the landmark record shop Grimey's New and Pre-Loved Music in Nashville, Tennessee, to discuss their celebrated careers and biggest influences while picking out the five albums that have impacted them the most on vinyl. Tonight's series premiere features Styx and Damn Yankees legend Tommy Shaw and original Headbanger's Ball MC Riki Rachtman.

Magnum P.I.

NBC, 8 p.m.

In "Dark Skies," Magnum (Jay Hernandez) and Rick (Zachary Knighton) make a shocking discovery in the Capt. Greene (James Remar) case; Higgins (Perdita Weeks) and TC (Stephen Hill) head to Maui to help an eccentric billionaire find the owner of a pesky drone that has been harassing him; and Shammy (Christopher Thornton) helps Kumu (Amy Hill) after an incident occurs at La Mariana.

Marie Antoinette

PBS, 9 p.m.

In "Pick a Princess," the royal family goes on holiday at Fontainebleau to escape stifling Versailles. Marie (Emilia Schule) discovers du Barry's (Gaia Weiss) plan to find a bride for Provence (Jack Archer), and the escalating hostilities threaten her relationship with the king.

CATCH A CLASSIC

The Public Enemy (1931)

TCM, 7 p.m.

Airing as part of Turner Classic Movies' continuing, monthlong salute to the centennial of the iconic Warner Bros. studio, this pre-Code WB classic is itself celebrating its 92nd anniversary this month (it was released April 23, 1931). Along with Little Caesar from the same year, The Public Enemy helped set the template for what audiences going forward would expect from a gangster film as well as etch various gangster-movie archetypes into the public's imagination. And, just as Little Caesar established Edward G. Robinson as a star and forever linked him with his title character, this production did the same for James Cagney thanks to his explosive breakthrough performance here. Film lovers can credit director William A. Wellman for that. Cagney originally had a secondary role as shooting began, but Wellman noticed the actor's charisma and domination of the scenes he was in and instead gave him the starring role of streetwise tough guy Tom Powers, who tries to rise in the ranks of organized crime. Set near the beginning of Prohibition — and produced while it was still in effect — the film is a virtual time capsule of that era, bristling with 1920s style, dialogue and desperation thanks to the Oscar-nominated screenplay by John Bright and Kubec Glasmon and Wellman's masterful direction. Jean Harlow, Edward Woods and Joan Blondell co-star in a film that is always taut, gritty and hard-hitting — even at breakfast when grapefruit is infamously served. Leading into this title, starting this morning, you can also enjoy several other of Warner Bros.' gangster classics from the 1930s and 1940s, including Little Caesar, Key Largo (1948) and more.

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'Get Hard'

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Get Hard (2015, Comedy) Will Ferrell, Kevin Hart **Comedy Central, 5 p.m.**

Larceny, Inc. (1942, Comedy) Edward G. Robinson, Jane Wyman **TCM, 5 p.m.**

Straight Outta Compton (2015, Biography) O'Shea Jackson Jr., Corey Hawkins **BET, 5 p.m.**

Trolls World Tour (2020, Children) Anna Kendrick, Justin Timberlake **E!, 5 p.m.**

Captain Marvel (2019, Action) Brie Larson, Samuel L. Jackson **TNT, 5:30 p.m.**

The Avengers (2012, Action) Robert Downey Jr., Chris Evans **FX, 6 p.m.**

The Secret Life of Pets 2 (2019, Children) Patton Oswalt, Kevin Hart **FXM, 6:30 p.m.**

Hotel Transylvania (2012, Children) Adam Sandler, Andy Samberg **Nick, 7 p.m.**

Mr. Deeds (2002, Comedy) Adam Sandler, Winona Ryder **E!, 7 p.m.**

The Accountant (2016, Suspense) Ben Affleck, Anna Kendrick **A&E, 7 p.m.**

Love's Unfolding Dream (2007, Drama) Erin Cottrell, Dale Midkiff **Hallmark Movies & Mysteries, 8 p.m.**

Prom Pact (2023, Comedy-drama) Peyton Elizabeth Lee, Milo Manheim **Disney, 8 p.m.**

From the editors of TV Weekly and tvinsider.com

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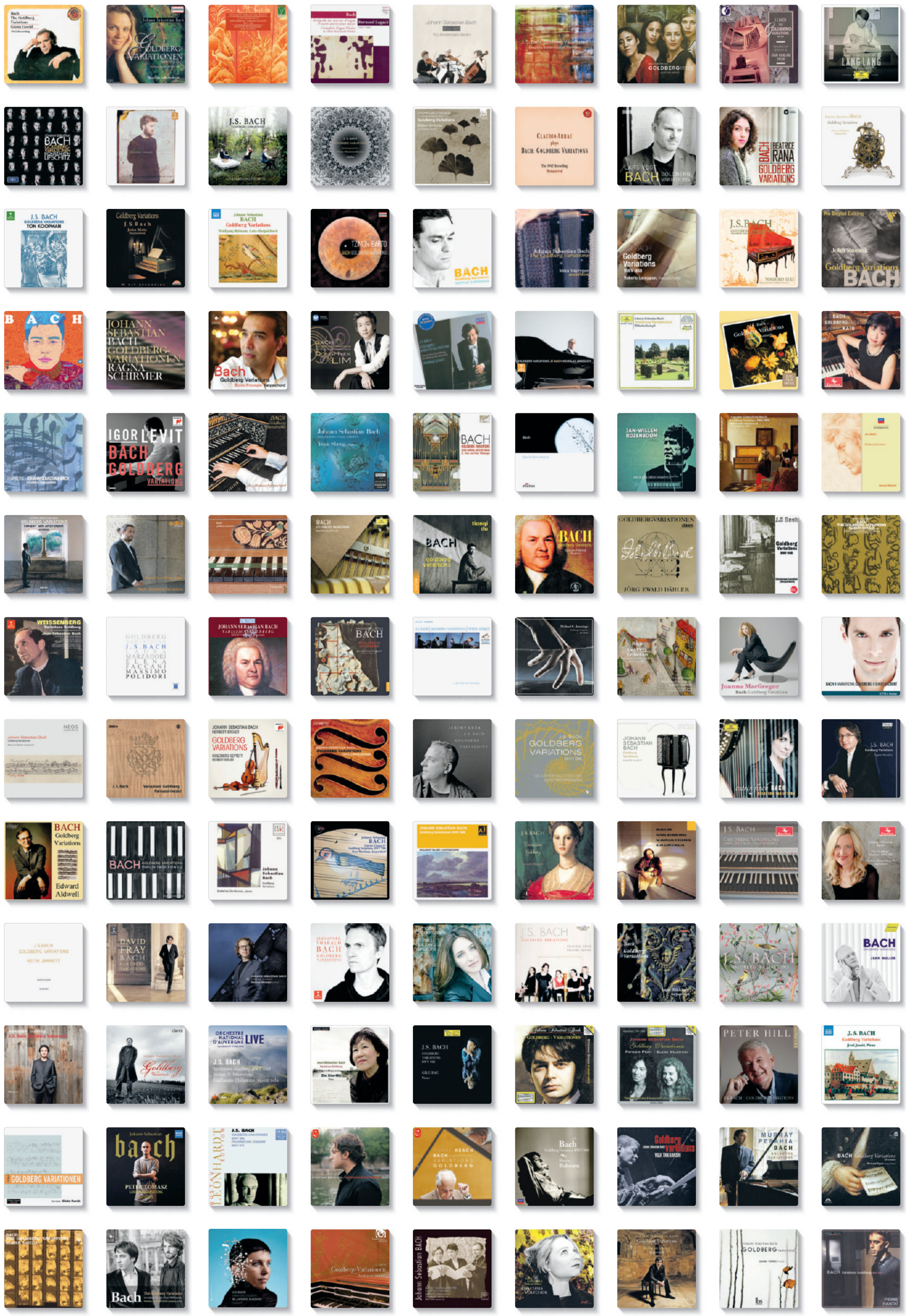

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Stereotype smackdown

From the looks of it, Emma Engels is a shy, unassuming teenager.
But on the wrestling mat, she is a fierce competitor, taking out boys and girls alike.

BALANCING ACT

Disney hosts LGBTQ summit

For a place as cemented in family-friendly lore as Disney to face the political wrath of people like Ron DeSantis and still choose inclusion? It's powerful, writes Heidi Stevens.

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Music as medicine

At this Barrington hospital, healing starts in the lobby, where a team of volunteer musicians aim to put patients and visitors at ease by playing their passions

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ASK AMY

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Conservative man mulls sharing trans views

Dear Amy: I am a 60-year-old conservative Catholic male. I believe gender is determined by physiology, not psychology. I don't believe transitioning to another gender is the answer to gender dysphoria. My views about transitioning and giving puberty-blocking drugs to youths are in line with my conservative perspective.

My best friend "Martin's" child (born male) is transitioning to female. She's 25. Since I value Martin's friendship, I refer to his child as "your daughter," and I use his daughter's new name and refer to her with female pronouns. The only advice I have given is to get a second opinion before any surgery (which is advice I would give to everyone before any surgery). Other than that, I provide Martin with emotional support, and I keep my mouth shut about my opinions.

Some of my church friends think that I should be preaching to Martin about the evils of being transgender. On the other hand, my liberal friends think I need to be more of an ally to the LGBTQ community. How I should interact with my friend?

— *MYOB in NJ*

Dear MYOB: My first reaction is to wonder why a man who signs his question "MYOB" is receiving the views of so many people regarding his relationship with his friend. You wish others would mind their own business, which also means that you should mind yours.

"Martin's" adult child is transitioning from male to female. It seems logical that this personal journey should belong only to the person taking it. You can apply your theories regarding gender dysphoria, hormones, surgery and the like to your own life, should you ever contemplate gender transition. Otherwise, MYOB, indeed.

I agree with you that interacting with Martin should continue to reflect your close friendship without you feeling pressured to preach to him on your or your church's various positions regarding gender.

Although it seems that you are acknowledging this transition respectfully only because you value your friendship with the father, respecting his daughter's pronouns and name is the very least you can do — and you're doing it.

The world would be a whole lot better with less preaching and condemning, and more allyship and acceptance.

Dear Amy: I am a retiree and one of my daily pleasures is taking my pup to a neighborhood off-leash dog park. I have developed friendly relationships with a few fellow dog owners. Recently "Friend One" (a professional dog walker) arrived with an air horn. She claims it's for the safety of the dogs in the event of a pup scuffle. It does seem to work.

The problem is that it scares the heck out of "Friend Two's" beloved (non-aggressive) pooch. Friend Two nicely asked Friend One (the pro dog-walker) to refrain from honking while her dog was present. Now Friend One won't show if Friend Two is on-site. I enjoy the company of all involved, and this fracas has made my daily outings awkward. Should I intervene?

— *Caught up in a Dogfight*

Dear Caught Up: Air horns are an effective and noninvasive way to distract dogs and break up a fight.

I assume that being near a dog fight could be at least as traumatic for a shy dog as an air horn would be. But "Friend One" is respecting "Friend Two's" request and is steering clear of the park when the "non-aggressive" dog is present. To me, that seems like a solution. You might feel better if you saw it this way, too.

Should you intervene here? Not even with a 10-foot leash.

Dear Amy: I had to laugh at the letter from "Underappreciated," who said that grandparents were always boasting about their other grandchildren.

My grandmother used to always tell me how smart, scholarly and wonderful her other four grandchildren were. It wasn't until I was grown and I was talking with those cousins that I found out that Grandma was always talking to them about how smart and accomplished I was. Grandma did appreciate me after all!

— *Appreciated*

Dear Appreciated: These responses make me believe that many grandparents have been pointing their praise and compliments in the wrong direction.

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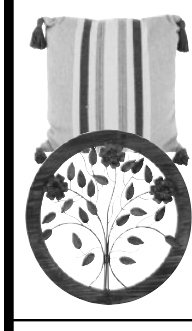

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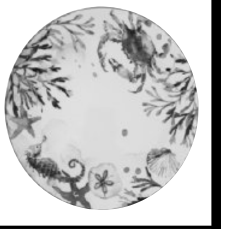

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LGBTQ+ summit a step toward progress

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Balancing Act

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Walt Disney World is scheduled to host in September what's billed as the largest LGBTQ+ conference in the world, Out & Equal just announced. **DREAMSTIME**

My husband and I were sitting in the stands of my daughter's gymnastics competition a few years ago when a couple of moms behind us started talking about a recent Disney trip gone awry.

One of the moms accidentally booked their family trip the same weekend as Gay Days, an annual Disneyland/Disney World event that welcomes LGBTQ+ visitors to the theme parks. Disney doesn't officially endorse the event, but the resort has a long history of supporting it, setting up photo ops around the park for couples, adding rainbow merch to its shops and rainbow desserts to its menus.

This was not a happy accident for this mom, who told the other mom that her daughter saw two men kissing and asked her parents, "Why are those two men kissing?"

"I told her, 'They're brothers,' " the woman said. "And she said, 'Brothers kiss like that?' And I said, 'Some do.' "

My husband and I exchanged the universal look for "Guess what we're talking about on the car ride home?" because, truly, normalizing incest rather than telling your kid about same-sex couples struck us as ... noteworthy.

In hindsight, it was our sneak preview of "Don't Say Gay," which Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis is now moving to expand through 12th grade. The law forbids classroom instruction on sexual orientation and gender identity unless it's part of reproductive health classes ... which students can opt out of.

Florida educators, who can be sued for violating the law, have been speaking out about the chilling effect since the measure was implemented for younger grades last year. Can they have photos of their own families on their desks if those families include a same-sex couple? Can they let a student share a story about her two moms? Can they acknowledge that a historical figure was openly gay? Can they affirm students' own feelings or questions, if students sense the teacher is a safe place for them to bring those feelings and questions?

Orlando art teacher Clinton McCracken, who is gay, told NPR reporter Melissa Block he is acutely aware of the increased suicide risk for LGBTQ+ youth, and how banning discussions about their identity frames their very existence as inappropriate or deviant.

"I'm not teaching kids how to be gay in my classroom," McCracken said. "But I'll tell you what I am doing. I am trying with all my power to teach kids to be OK with who they are."

He's brave and he's right. And he shouldn't have to be a lonesome voice in the white noise of a culture war that turns vulnerable kids into collateral damage.

Which brings us, believe it or not, back to Disney.

Walt Disney World, the Florida theme park, is scheduled to host in September what's billed as the largest LGBTQ+ conference in the world, Out & Equal just announced. The organization, which campaigns for gay, lesbian and transgender rights in the workplace, hosts the annual summit.

Apple, Uber, McDonald's, IBM, Walmart and Google are among the companies reportedly attending. Several governmental bodies, including the U.S. Department of State and the Central Intelligence Agency, are scheduled to have booths at the conference, according to the Miami Herald.

The summit is being framed as a poke in the eye of DeSantis, who moved to take control of Walt Disney World's self-governing district after the Disney corporation condemned Florida House Bill 1557 (better known as the "Don't Say Gay" bill).

"Our goal as a company is for this law to be repealed by the legislature or struck down in the courts," Disney said in a statement released in March 2022, "and we remain committed to supporting the national and state organizations working to achieve that."

Maybe this summit is payback. Maybe we're watching the beginnings of a battle that will reverberate all the way to — or away from — the White House in 2024.

I'll leave that to the political analysts to debate.

I'm more interested in — and heartened by — the ripple effect toward progress. For a place as soaked and cemented in family-friendly lore as Disney to take the side of humanity, to plant its corporate flag on welcoming ground, to get a taste of political wrath and retaliation and still choose inclusion? It's powerful.

It says families look all different ways. It says we affirm and welcome and celebrate them all. It says children will grow up to love who they love. It says we affirm and welcome and celebrate that love.

It says we believe these things so centrally — and, yes, we recognize the financial benefits of practicing these beliefs so strategically — that we will host an enormous summit devoted to making more workplaces operate with a similar approach.

It says we're working toward a world where a kid asks her parents, "Why are those two men kissing?" and the mom is likelier to say, "Same reason Dad and I kiss, sweetie. They're in love."

And that will be just fine. Better than fine. It will be beautiful. And it's coming.

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Guido Calcagno, a registered nurse and volunteer pianist at Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital in Barrington, performs for patients, guests and staff as hospital staff members Lynette Eeg, Magda Scanlan and volunteer pianist Sue Schuerr listen in at the lobby area on March 21. **ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS**

MUSICAL HEALING

At Barrington hospital, care starts in the lobby, where volunteer musicians play their passion

By Darcel Rockett
Chicago Tribune

Calcagno plays the piano for staff and volunteers in the lobby area at Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital in Barrington.

Volunteer pianist Renee Mullaney plays the piano as staffers listen.

If you happen to walk through the front doors of Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital in Barrington and think you hear the Windows startup music, or the themes for Universal Studios or Warner Bros. being played on the piano, don't second guess it. Odds are it is Guido Calcagno, registered nurse, warming up to play melodies for patients, staff and visitors.

Calcagno is one of the volunteer musicians who play live music for visitors in Good Shepherd's lobby Monday through Saturday.

When volunteer pianist Renee Mullaney is working the 88 keys in the lobby, she has a tendency to keep her eye on the entryway. If she spots a child coming into the hospital, she may play a Disney song or "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star." If a veteran walks in, she will play a patriotic song. Her reasoning: Hospitals can be scary and intimidating, and if the people recognize a familiar ditty in the air, maybe that one little thing will put them at ease.

"Since we're in the front area there, I feel like the pianists are kind of ambassadors for setting a positive tone for Advocate Good Shepherd and sometimes we can be the face of the hospital," said Mullaney, a Cary resident who has been volunteering her musical talent for four years. "Let's face it, when you're at the hospital, the joyful thing is babies. Otherwise you're there to visit somebody that's sick or you're there for a test. ... Every time I go and play, at least three or four people will walk by and you can see them snapping their fingers to the music. People stop and thank us for our efforts — for being there and bringing a little bit of comfort to what can otherwise be a stressful situation."

Calcagno, 23, understands. He plays the baby grand Kawai on his days off. Trained on piano since he was 4, the Deerfield resident started working at Good Shepherd in August 2021 and by October, he was regaling passersby with popular music and compositions that he penned. And it all started when he overheard volunteer pianist Sue Schuerr play during a trip to the cafeteria. He introduced himself, played some music for Schuerr and she directed him to the hospital's volunteer services coordinator, Lynette Eeg, a clarinetist who auditions the music volunteers. The rest is history.

"I could get through maybe eight different songs when I'm playing," Calcagno said. "I play from a wide selection of music. I have my own compositions ... about 10 different pieces that I can play from memory or improv. I like to think that music I've created really does invoke emotions or feelings. In my piano binder, I have music from TV shows — whether it's Korean dramas, animé, intros from 'The Golden Girls,' songs from movies like 'Interstellar,' 'Inception,' and more modern classical music, pop songs. It also depends on how I'm feeling that day. Music is just as therapeutic as it is for my listeners. It helps me relax, contemplate and reflect on what could have happened the day before at work, helps me process."

Calcagno, who balances a variety of patients during his 12-hour workdays, says he always has time for music, and one day he'd love to help on a film score.

Eeg said there are currently 10 volunteer musicians, including a flutist, who play 90-minute shifts. High schoolers, as long as they are at least 16, can volunteer as well. Interested parties can fill out an application. Magda Scanlan, Good Shepherd's volunteer services director, said the office makes sure volunteers' roles are aligned with their needs and passions.

Schuerr brought book club friend Mullaney into the fold, and she eventually brought her mom, a piano teacher, to play duets with her in the lobby. Schuerr, a retired English and drama teacher, laughs when remembering how she came to play at Good Shepherd in 2016.

"My husband had knee surgery and I got a little bored so I started walking around, checking out the hospital and going toward the lunch area, I went 'Whoa! A piano! This is terrific!' " she said. She sat down and began to play. Schuerr asked staff if she could volunteer, and Eeg said a position was created.

"We created the position because now we had this beautiful piano that people wanted to play," Eeg said. She and Schuerr agreed that none of it would have happened had the donated piano been small enough to fit through a conference room's door as planned. When it couldn't fit, the piano found a permanent home at the hospital's front entrance.

"It was a wonderful mistake," Schuerr said. "It's been a blessing."

She plays late mornings/early afternoons on Thursdays. She said playing the piano at Good Shepherd has been good for her brain because she tries to learn two new pieces a week. Requests from patients have led her to learn how to play Coldplay and the Ukrainian anthem. She plays hymns, songs of the season. She even made friends along the way.

"I play Hanukkah and Christmas music. ... I try to keep inclusion in mind," Schuerr said. "You look around and see who's there and try to play for those people. I listen to Pandora. I listen to the radio and if I like a song, download it and play that. I don't want to be bored with my own music. I definitely try to jazz it up and make it fun for people."

Scanlan said the live music "feels like you're entering a truly healing space."

"It's a beautiful campus, but when you are hearing music, it just appeals to your other senses," she said.

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A smackdown of athletic stereotypes

Emma Engels, of Bartlett High, wrestles girls and boys, winning accolades as well as matches

By Zareen Syed
Chicago Tribune

Bartlett High School sophomore Emma Engels, an IHSA state wrestling champion, displays her medal at school March 23.
ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

It's clear that wrestler Emma Engels doesn't do it "for the 'gram,'" and certainly not for the attention.

The 15-year-old sophomore from Bartlett High School is fresh off an Illinois High School Association wrestling championship victory, but you likely wouldn't guess that based on how quickly she shoves her gold medal back into her backpack. She's just not the type to brag about her victories on outlets such as Instagram.

"Next year, it won't matter," said Engels, of Elgin. "And I go play softball now, and they'll make an announcement about it, but the girls across the (softball) field aren't going to care that I won the championship in wrestling."

On Feb. 25, Engels won the 100-pound championship match of the girls wrestling state meet in Bloomington, becoming only the fourth state champ in Bartlett High School history.

Previous state champions include a female bowler, a student journalist and a male wrestler 11 years before Engels joined the ranks.

During the high school wrestling season, however, Engels mostly competes against boys, having wrestled girls only a few times.

"I just see them as another opponent across the way. I definitely hear, after I win, (boys saying to her opponent) 'Oh, you're wrestling a girl and you lost!' Things like that," Engels said. "I don't really care. If I win, I win."

IHSA allows competition between male and female athletes in wrestling, but students have to choose which gender to compete against at the end of the year going into the state series, where Engels chose to compete in the girls championship.

From the looks of it, Engels is a shy, unassuming teenager in the throes of high school athletics and STEM Academy classes. She's kind to classmates and teachers alike.

"You'd wonder like, 'She's the state champ?' but she'll beat up kids in the wrestling room," said Bartlett High School's wrestling head coach, John Glorioso. "She's a competitor — nice, humble, respectful, does what she has to do. And when you watch her, it's like, 'Holy crap — this is the nice girl that's in class?'"

During the regular season, Glorioso said, coaches generally determine which opponents will better prepare their wrestlers for higher-level competition. Engels, who competes in the 106-pound varsity division, often has to go against a male wrestler at the same level because there aren't enough female wrestlers in her weight class.

Dawn Engels, Emma's mom, said her daughter wrestling against the guys and beating them comes as no surprise.

"If she wants to do it, she's going to do it," Dawn Engels said. "It's never been about competing against a boy or a girl for Emma; it's been about competing against another athlete."

Unfazed by her shiny medal and soon-to-be banner in the wrestling room, Emma Engels is already thinking about next season.

Engels, top, works against Oak Forest's Alex Sebek during the 100-pound championship bout of the girls wrestling state meet on Feb. 25 in Bloomington.
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"I definitely just want to get back there. I guess next time, a better record," she said. Her record this season was 35 wins and 12 losses.

Only one of those 12 losses was to a female wrestler, whom Engels ended up beating on Feb. 25 to win the state title.

"I knew in the first match, I could have beat her," Engels said. "I was winning and then I got pinned in the third period, but I knew I could beat her and I knew what I had to do differently."

Engels said most of her friends are busy playing high school sports, which leaves little time for after-school hangouts, and when she's not practicing in the wrestling room, she helps coach the Scorpion Wrestling Club, a program for elementary and middle schoolers, including her younger brother, Cameron.

Seven years ago, Engels decided to jump into the club herself after "getting tired of sitting in the stands" to watch her brother compete. Cameron, who's in eighth grade and plans on trying out for the Bartlett High School wrestling team next school year, has been Engels' built-in teammate and competition since they were children, Engels' mom said.

Matt Pancamo, Bartlett's girls wrestling coach and the faculty sponsor of the Scorpion club, said Engels' humility is reflective of the Bartlett High School wrestling community.

Pancamo said wrestlers are encouraged not to boast or brag about victories, but instead celebrate the journey and progress it takes to win.

"She's exactly what a coach wants in an athlete," he said. "She speaks her mind when she doesn't like something and she's very smart and calculated."

A fun, yet not-so-hidden-anymore fact about Engles (which she giddily reveals), is that she was the high school mascot for the 2022 football season.

While in the hawk suit, she said she tapped into her extroverted side more freely.

"There was an announcement about finding someone to be the mascot and my friends were like, 'You should do it!'" Engels said with a laugh. "So I went down there and (the athletic director) was like, 'Yeah you should do it,' and so I did it."

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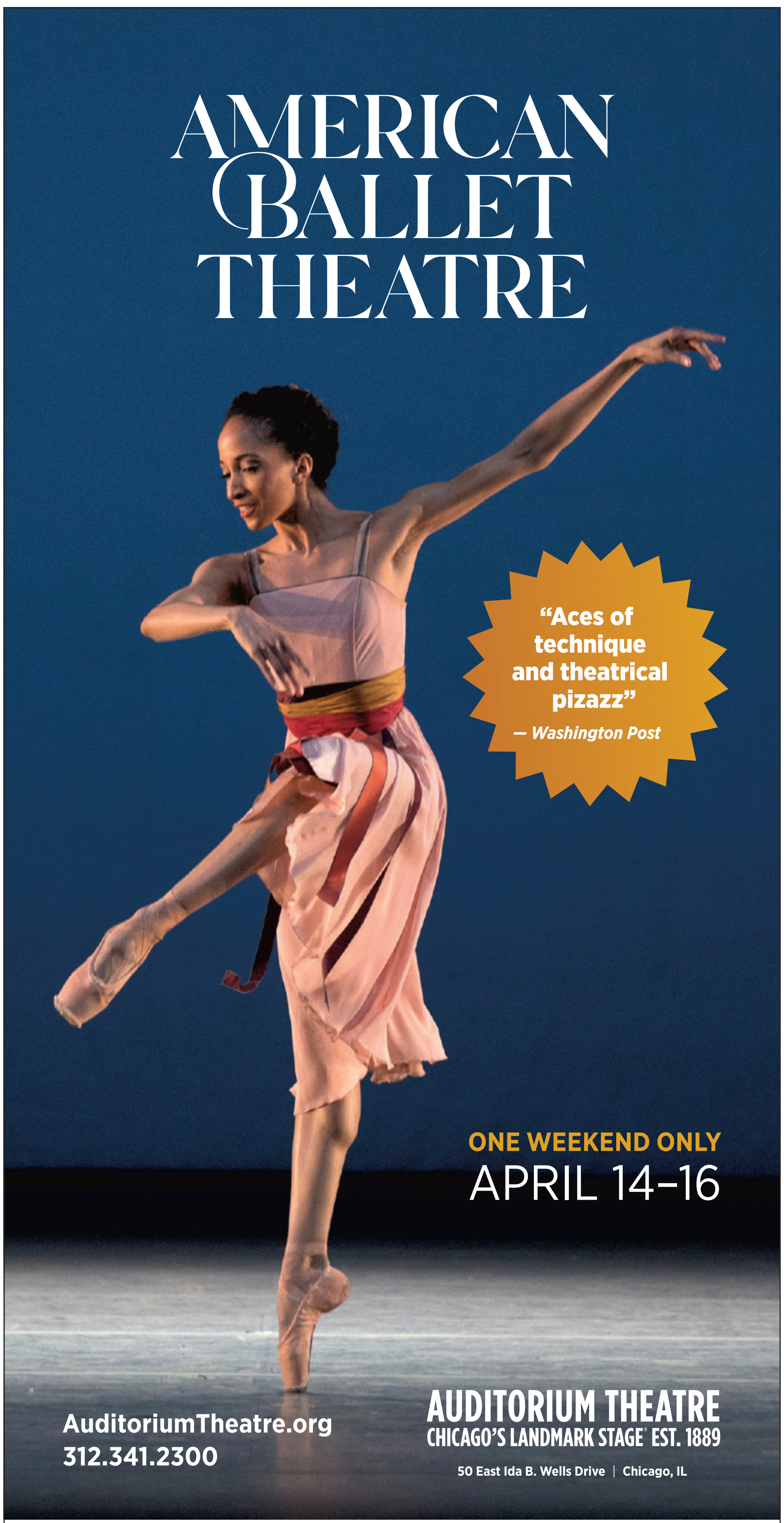

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ASK THE PEDIATRICIAN

Helping babies transition from drinking out of a bottle to a cup

By Dr. Jennifer Shu
American Academy Of Pediatrics

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that children drink from a cup when they start eating solid foods. **DREAMSTIME**

You've probably heard that when your baby is around 6 to 9 months old, it's time to begin moving away from bottle feeding. But like many parents, you may feel a little apprehensive about this next step in your child's growth and development.

If your little one pouts, shouts or bursts into tears when you offer them a "big kid cup," take a deep breath. Protests like these are totally normal! There are many good reasons not to give in when your child demands a bottle.

Pediatricians and dentists stress the benefits of training your child to drink from a cup at mealtime as you gradually reduce the number of bottle feedings. Ideally, this transition will begin around 6 months, when you offer your child a cup for the first time. You will then reduce the number of bottle feedings slowly, completing the transition sometime between 12 and 18 months.

Letting children bottle-feed longer than this can cause them to:

■ Skip meals. This may mean they're getting less of the fiber and rich nutrients found in solid foods.

■ Reach an unhealthy weight. For many kids, bottles become high-calorie meal supplements and snacks, leading to toddler obesity.

■ Develop cavities. Early childhood caries happen when your child's teeth are constantly bathed in milk, formula, juice or other drinks. Little ones who drink from bottles well into their second year may also have tooth alignment problems and even speech delays.

■ Resist even more. Toddlers cling to their bottles even more fiercely as time goes by.

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that you offer your child a cup when they start eating solid foods, usually around 6 months. You can use a "sippy" (training) cup with a spouted lid or offer a cup and straw. Sippy cups should be used only while little ones are learning. It's healthiest for kids to drink from an open cup by about 2 years old. When your child is using a sippy cup, only fill them with plain fluoridated water without juice or sugar.

Move away from the bottle gradually. When you begin weaning, tell your child they can drink from a bottle at mealtimes. Gradually eliminate bottle feedings at other times, especially naps or bedtime. Be ready to offer extra snuggles, songs or bedtime stories so your child feels reassured, but learns to self-soothe without a bottle.

Giving your child plain water in bottles between meals and then moving to plain water in sippy cups or cups can help with the transition. Bring one to the table with your child's plate and encourage them to give it a try. Begin by putting formula or breast milk in their cup. As they get the hang of things, you can fill their cup with plain water at mealtimes, too.

Notice your little one's progress and offer them praise. If your child balks, do a little investigating. Maybe they aren't thirsty when you offer them a mealtime drink, and that's OK. Model good habits by drinking water when you eat together.

Here are a few extra tips for you.

■ Offer healthy beverages.

■ As your child transitions to an open cup, place one next to the bathroom sink or water dispenser so they can serve themselves.

If you have used no bottles at all, you can still follow a weaning routine that uses many of the same steps. Introduce a cup filled with breast milk around 6 months of age, and slowly reduce the number of breastfeeding sessions from several per day to one and then, eventually, none.

Breastfeeding sessions will gradually become snuggle sessions offering your child physical comfort and love, just as you did when you were nursing.

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Guests get in the way when trying to help in tiny kitchen

Judith Martin
Miss Manners

Dear Miss Manners: I enjoy entertaining in my tiny apartment. My kitchen has only 28 square feet of floor space, and counter space is also very limited.

There is room for only one person in there, and there is no place to set dirty dishes. I have my own system for clearing up, which just takes me a few minutes. Even so, every time I get up to clear the table for dessert, my delightful friends jump up to help.

Despite my best and most diplomatic efforts to explain the above, I have guests who insist on "helping" by bringing stacks of dishes and food platters into the kitchen. There is literally no place to put them until I am ready.

Last night, one guest stood in the doorway with a stack of dishes and asked, "Where shall I put these?" I was tempted to look around the kitchen and say, "Gee, I don't know. Looks like there isn't anywhere to put them. Which is why I asked you not to bring them."

How can I get through to these unhelpful and oblivious guests?

Gentle reader: Ah, yes. Like those kind folks who will help a little old lady across the street without listening to her protests about being headed in the opposite direction.

In your case, the polite thing is for guests to desist when an offer of help is declined. What Miss Manners would have said to that unhelpful one is, "Oh, just distribute them back on the table until I can get to them. Thanks so much."

Dear Miss Manners: My wife and I got married almost four years ago. We are a lesbian couple and all of our close friends and family attended our wedding. We have different last names, but we believe we are just like any other marital couple, except we are Mrs. and Mrs.!

We recently received an invitation to a party, and the e-invite allowed you to see the other couples who were attending. I noticed that a male same-sex couple was given a single invite, but my wife and I received separate ones. I was angry. I felt my marriage was being dismissed. It hurt as a gay woman who has aways felt different and like an outcast.

My wife is going to the party, as she does not want to give this any energy it does not deserve. I am not hurt by her going. The hostess attended our wedding, so my wife is giving her the benefit of the doubt. Am I making too much of this? I just need an objective perspective. I only want the same inclusion as everyone else.

Gentle reader: An objective perspective would say that one need not look far to find people being treated shabbily for being different — but that what happened here was more likely a mistake than an insult.

Miss Manners agrees that one invitation could have been addressed to you both; perhaps it was the different last names that threw the hostess off. But you are close enough with this woman to have invited her to your wedding — which she attended — and she correctly addressed her invitation to another gay couple, albeit male.

Do you believe, despite all of this, that she does not consider your marriage legitimate — and intended to say so by the way she extended her invitation? Either way, directing anger at someone without being certain of their motives does not strike Miss Manners as fair treatment — which you claim to be seeking.

Dear Miss Manners: My co-worker and I have a routine where we eat lunch together. We like to joke and talk during lunch. A new person started working here, and basically invited herself to lunch with us.

We didn't want to be rude, so we have allowed her to eat with us. However, she seems to get upset when we discuss our personal lives (nothing inappropriate) or make work-appropriate jokes. She ends up leaving.

Should we alter our lunch conversation topics to include an uninvited colleague?

Gentle reader: Why, when they have proven so successful in getting her to leave you to them?

Dear Miss Manners: When you invite someone to lunch, on you, isn't it rude if they ask to bring someone else? It puts you in an awkward position, doesn't it?

Gentle reader: Not if you respond, "Not this time — I was looking forward to a lunch with just the two of us."

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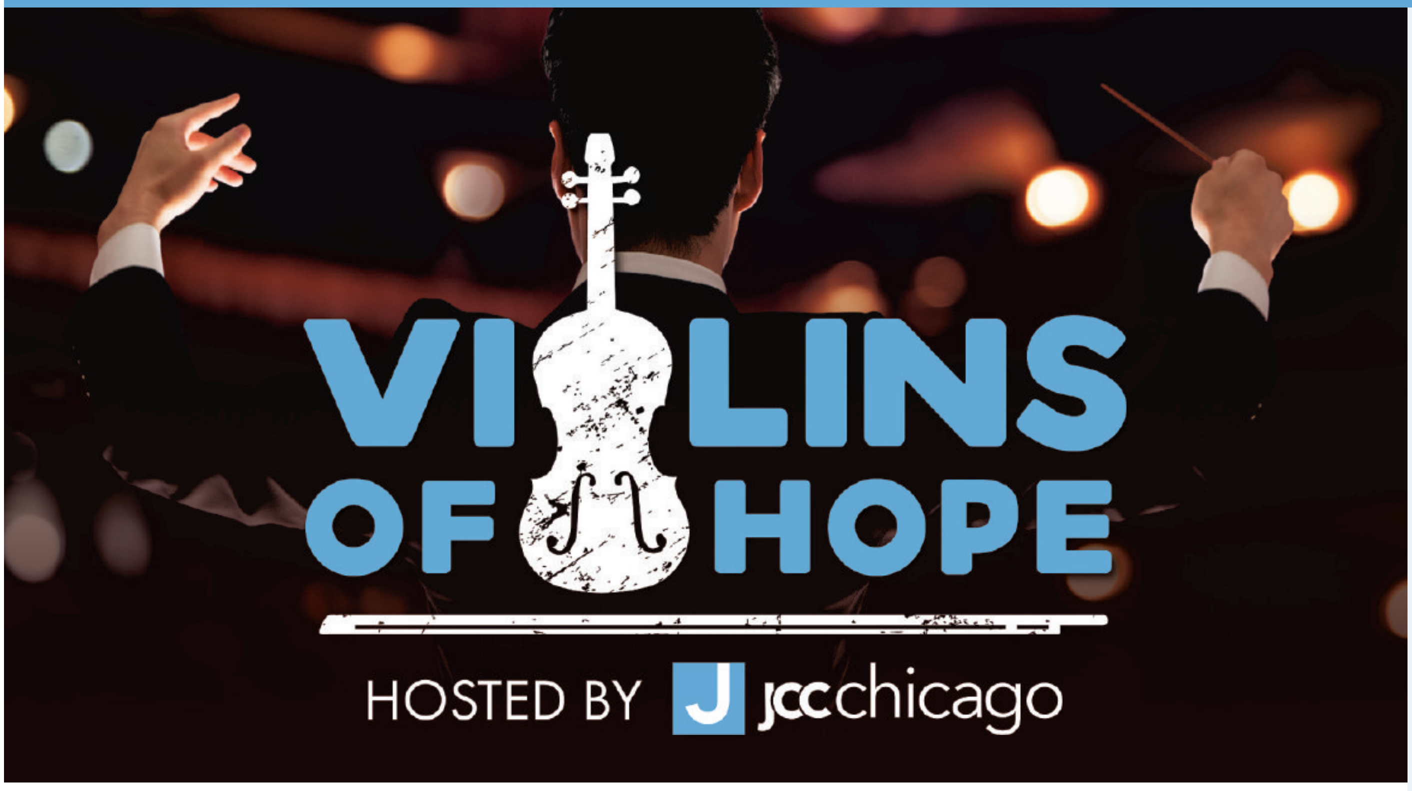

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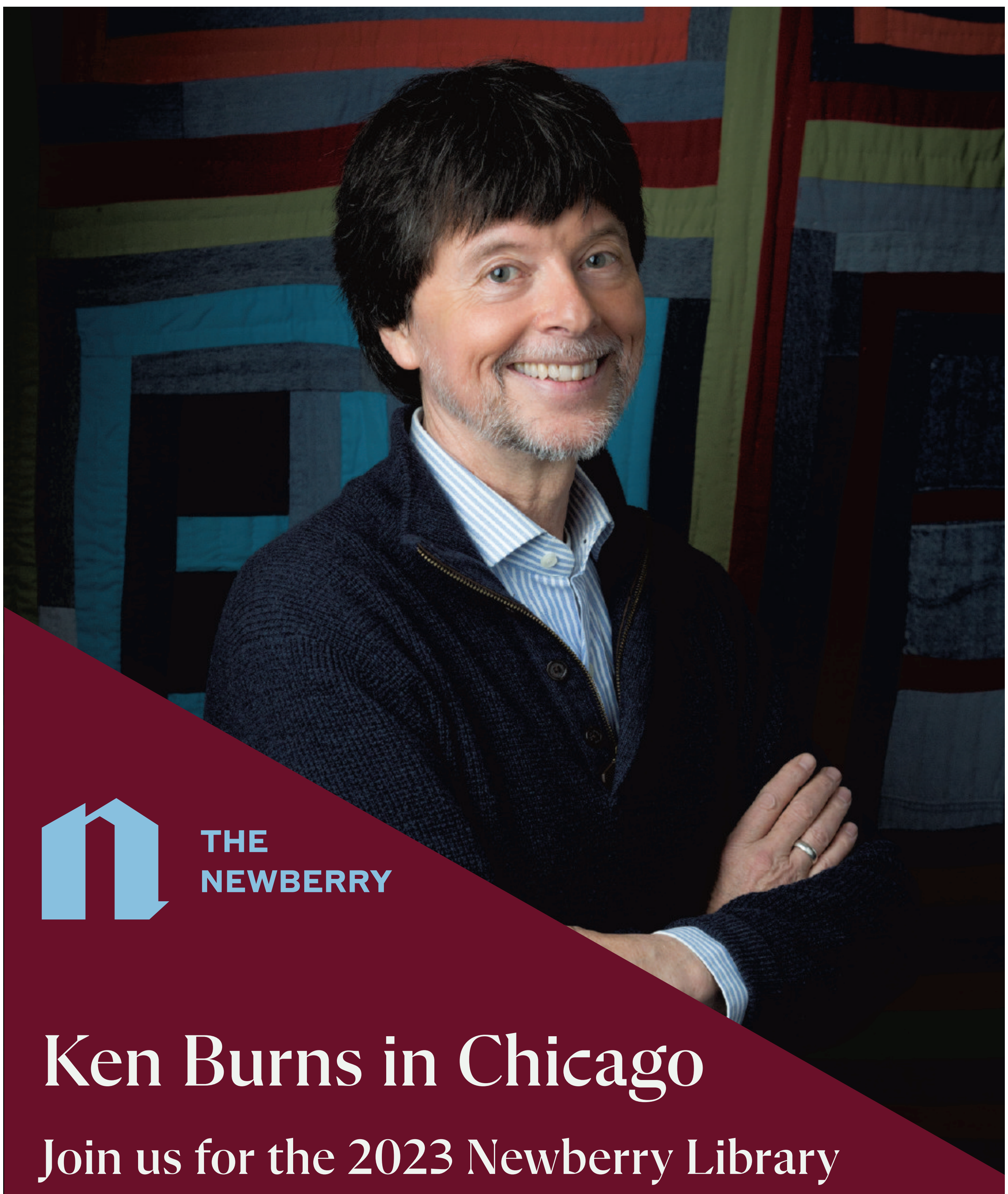

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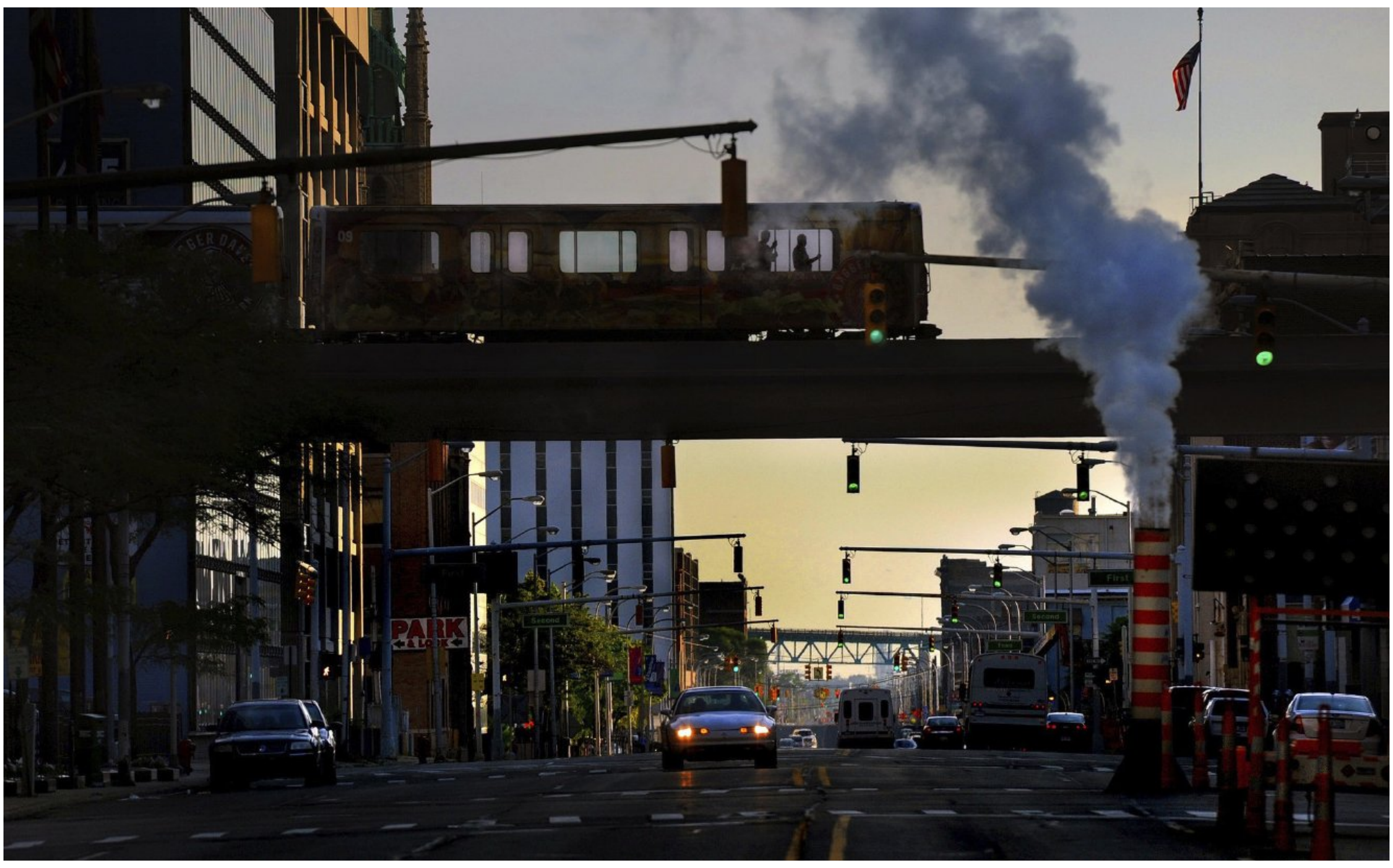
67 things to do in Detroit, from an island jaunt to a Ramadan food fest


The People Mover is a tram that runs a loop around the main downtown places of interest in Detroit. **MICHAEL S. WILLIAMSON/THE WASHINGTON POST**

Walkers and joggers along the Detroit RiverWalk. **CARLOS OSORIO/AP**

By Lauryn Azu
Chicago Tribune

Detroit and Chicago have been in a state of synergy since their very earliest days.

Both cities were founded as colonial trading posts and reached new heights in the 20th century as major industrial hubs. Both enjoy access to Great Lakes waterways, and both share in interesting architecture, cuisine scenes and migration patterns.

Detroit makes for a great spring travel option for Chicagoans: big enough to enjoy a new experience each time you visit, yet small enough to hit most major attractions within a long weekend. And at just over four hours away by car, a six-hour train ride or a 45-minute flight, it's a doable last-minute destination.

So buckle up, grab your best fur coat and don't forget your passport — here are 67 things to do, see, eat and explore during a Detroit-area weekender.

Getting around

Driving from Chicago is most likely your cheapest, quickest and most convenient option for maneuvering around the city and region. Should you want to break up your drive between Chicagoland traffic and I-94, check out the awesome views of Lake Michigan at Warren Dunes State Park in Sawyer, Michigan.

Public transit includes the city-operated bus, and a streetcar service called the QLine that operates between downtown and the New Center neighborhood. The QLine stops at Detroit's Amtrak Station, and visitors can buy one- or seven-day passes for unlimited bus and streetcar rides.

Get your steps in on Belle Isle

While Chicago boasts its own stretch of waterfront, Detroit's 985-acre Belle Isle takes the prize for the largest city-owned island.

Immortalized by Detroit rapper Gmac Cash's viral hit "Giant Slide," Belle Isle is the city's playground for good reason — roam around the hiking paths on the island to see the region's original swampy marshland that was urbanized and industrialized. The park is home to attractions like Belle Isle Aquarium, Dossin Great Lakes Museum, Belle Isle Nature Center, golf courses and the James Scott Memorial Fountain.

There is no cost to enter the park as a pedestrian or cyclist, but you'll need a state recreation passport ($7-$18, depending on the vehicle) that you can buy on-site to drive on the island.

The revamped Detroit RiverWalk has been repeatedly voted Best Riverwalk by USA Today readers. It extends 3½ miles and offers scenic views of the Detroit River and downtown Windsor, Ontario.

Dequindre Cut Greenway is a 2-mile stretch of reclaimed railroad that divides the riverfront. Spend a relaxing afternoon renting bikes from MoGo or Wheelhouse Detroit and exploring sites including the Aretha Franklin Amphitheater, Dequindre Cut Freight Yard, Eastern Market, GM Plaza, Milliken State Park and Harbor and Hart Plaza.

Cross the river for a spectacular view, historic house

Did you know that Detroit is the largest U.S. city on the Canadian border? Crossing the Detroit River from underground through the Detroit-Windsor Tunnel is a one-of-a-kind experience as the only existing subaqueous international automobile border crossing in the world. While it can be deceptively easy to accidentally end up on the freeway exit that takes you across the border, for Detroit visitors a quick trip to Windsor, with a valid passport in tow, makes for great use of a spare sunny afternoon.

Once over the border, get photos of the Detroit skyline at Windsor Riverfront, a spacious floral promenade with great views. Though dining options abound in Canada's southernmost city, just a four-minute drive from the riverwalk in Windsor's Little Italy neighborhood is Nooch, a vegan comfort food restaurant that serves superb poutine as well as a vegan Detroit coney dog.

For a bit of history, stop by the historic Duff Baby House in Windsor, a home built in 1798 and known for its role as a military headquarters during the War of 1812. An upcoming interior tour of the house is April 15 from noon to 4 p.m.

Chow on classic coneys, brick-oven pizza and more

In Detroit, we dress our dogs differently, and we take our coney islands very seriously. You may already be familiar with the downtown American or Lafayette coneys, notable for their historic rivalry and for starting the tradition of topping hot dogs with beefy chili, diced white onions and mustard.

But the deliciousness doesn't stop at the dogs. Coneys (in Detroit, the term refers to both the dish and the restaurants that serve it) serve a mashup of hearty offerings — burgers, breakfast combos, deli sandwiches, Greek salads and gyros or pita and hummus. Some may be cash only, others may be open 24 hours, great for a low-key breakfast after a long night out. Regional chains like National Coney Island, Leo's and L. George's proliferate.

And, of course, grab a slice of Detroit-style pizza, known for its thick, crispy crust that pairs perfectly with a can of Detroit's best thirst-quenching Vernor's Ginger Ale or Faygo Redpop (both got their starts here). I'd argue it's more satisfying and less challenging to eat than a Chicago-style slice, balancing the savory layers of deep dish with the delectable crispy crunch of tavern-style pizza. Every Detroiter you ask will have a different recommendation: Shield's, Loui's Pizza in Hazel Park, Cloverleaf in Eastpointe and Buddy's chains are all over the region.

An honorable pizza mention: This Oakland County born-and-raised writer will point to Tomatoes Apizza, not for Detroit-style, but for the very best of New Haven-style pizza in the area. And their $13 lunch buffet is an unbeatable deal.

If you're looking for something a little more formal than pizza and hot dogs, Ima chef-owner Michael Ransom is a James Beard award nominee for best chef in the Great Lakes region. The Detroit ramen staple recently opened a robata grill and cocktail bar called Ima Izakaya in Corktown, with entrees like lamb katsu curry, and a 14-day dry-aged ribeye with crispy leeks, shishito peppers and a Japanese whisky steak sauce.

Enjoy rich traditions in Dearborn, Mexicantown

While there's plenty to see within city limits, the suburbs contain a wealth of rich experiences worth a little extra time in the car. Dearborn, just west of Detroit, is home to the Ford Motor Company World Headquarters. While tours of the Ford Rouge Factory, Greenfield Village and The Henry Ford museum are obvious draws for enthusiasts of the region's automotive history, Dearborn also offers a look into the history and culture of Arab Americans who have made the Detroit area home to the largest concentration of people with Arabic-speaking ancestry in the United States.

The Arab American National Museum and the Islamic Center of America are both in Dearborn. And with the month of Ramadan celebrated into April, restaurants are offering late-night specials for Muslims observing the fast. The city of Dearborn will put on its first Ramadan Nights, an outdoor food festival on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays through April 21.

After exploring Dearborn, head to southwest Detroit, where you can find panaderias such as La Gloria Bakery, taquerias and Hispanic groceries on Bagley Street and Vernor Highway in Mexicantown. Mexican Village on Bagley Street is the city's oldest Mexican restaurant, and recently reopened after a small fire last fall. Regulars love the spot for its margaritas, enchiladas and sizzling-hot fajitas.

For a more contemporary take in Mexicantown, consider El Barzon, whose chef Norberto Garita, is among six Detroit semifinalists nominated for a James Beard award for Best Chef in the Great Lakes region. The Mexican-Italian restaurant specializes in Pueblan cuisine, with deeply flavorful mole sharing a menu with Italian dishes boasting freshly made pasta.

Mexicantown is also distinct for its vibrant and irresistibly Instagram-worthy murals. If you visit on a warmer day and packed your board or skates, a short walk to Riverside Park offers the area's best skate park, a dog park, a basketball court and grand views of the Ambassador Bridge.

Marvel at world-class art museum

The Detroit Institute of Art boasts one of the nation's best collections and is among the most-visited museums in the world. Thousands of pieces are on display, spanning from European sculptures to contemporary art. An hour-long museum highlights tour departs from the Great Hall at 1 p.m. Tuesdays through Sundays.

You could spend hours absorbing the detail in Diego Rivera's fascinating "Detroit Industry murals," a series of frescos that takes center stage. Named a National Landmark in 2014, the frescos are a testament to the city's history of manufacturing, technology and scientific advancement, commissioned by auto scion Edsel B. Ford.

Also at the DIA is the Detroit Film Theatre, which showcases contemporary and classic cinema in a 1927 auditorium. Upcoming film showings include "The Novelist's Film," "The Conformist" and "Leonor Will Never Die."

Kresge Court is a hidden gem within the museum. For many (including myself), it's the perfect place to get cozy with a book or laptop while enjoying comfy chairs, exposed brick architecture, atrium ceilings and coffee, wine and small bites.

Dress like a Detroiter

The city's West Side boasts an Avenue of Fashion for a reason, and with a new Gucci store downtown, Detroit's fashion scene is gaining greater attention.

For something that stands the test of time, Detroit's colonial roots as a hub for beaver pelt trading in New France extend to this very day — long-standing family feuds about who will inherit grandma's Dittrich furs are common. Other longtime furriers include Silver Fox Furs and Wolverine Furs.

The workwear brand Carhartt also has roots in Detroit, with a flagship store on the Wayne State University campus. While the brand still offers its classic bib overalls, cozy hats and practical jackets, its Work In Progress line also embraces the brand's contemporary influence on streetwear.

Tommey Walker's Detroit Vs. Everybody brand has been a city-wide call to action and staple since 2012, originally created to "rebuild Detroit's image through the restored pride of Detroiters universally." Walker also honors Chicago with a Chicago Vs. Everybody version in Bulls red and black. Corner Store Goods, founded in 2015, is another Detroit brand that embraces the people and culture of "the D," with apparel in area Foot Locker stores.

Enjoy the nightlife at Baker's and The Belt

Music lovers have swayed to the stylings of jazz greats like Charlie Parker, Gene Krupa, John Coltrane, Thelonious Monk, Dizzy Gillespie and more at Baker's Keyboard Lounge for generations. Likewise, many local jazz band students have played a set or two in the legendary club. Originally opening in May 1934, Baker's Keyboard Lounge claims it's the oldest jazz club still open anywhere in the world. As a full-service restaurant as well, the lounge serves up sandwiches, T-bone steaks, smothered pork chops, catfish nuggets and sweet potato pie.

On a warm night, don't miss The Belt, located downtown between Broadway and Library streets, an artsy alleyway that showcases murals and hanging lights. It's home to al-fresco bar The Skip, James Beard semifinalist cocktail bar Standby and the nightclub Deluxx Fluxx, with other great bars like Queens Bar in walking distance.

For a faster-paced evening out, try your hand at roller skating Detroit-style. RollerCade Detroit, on the southwest side, is one of the oldest continually open, Black-owned rinks in the country. If you don't know how to skate, the rink offers lessons on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Since 2021, RollerCade Detroit has also partnered with the developer Bedrock to offer roller-skating outdoors at Monroe Street Midway downtown.

Plans for this summer haven't been announced yet, but it could provide the perfect excuse to return again.

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Experience modern Germany in Frankfurt

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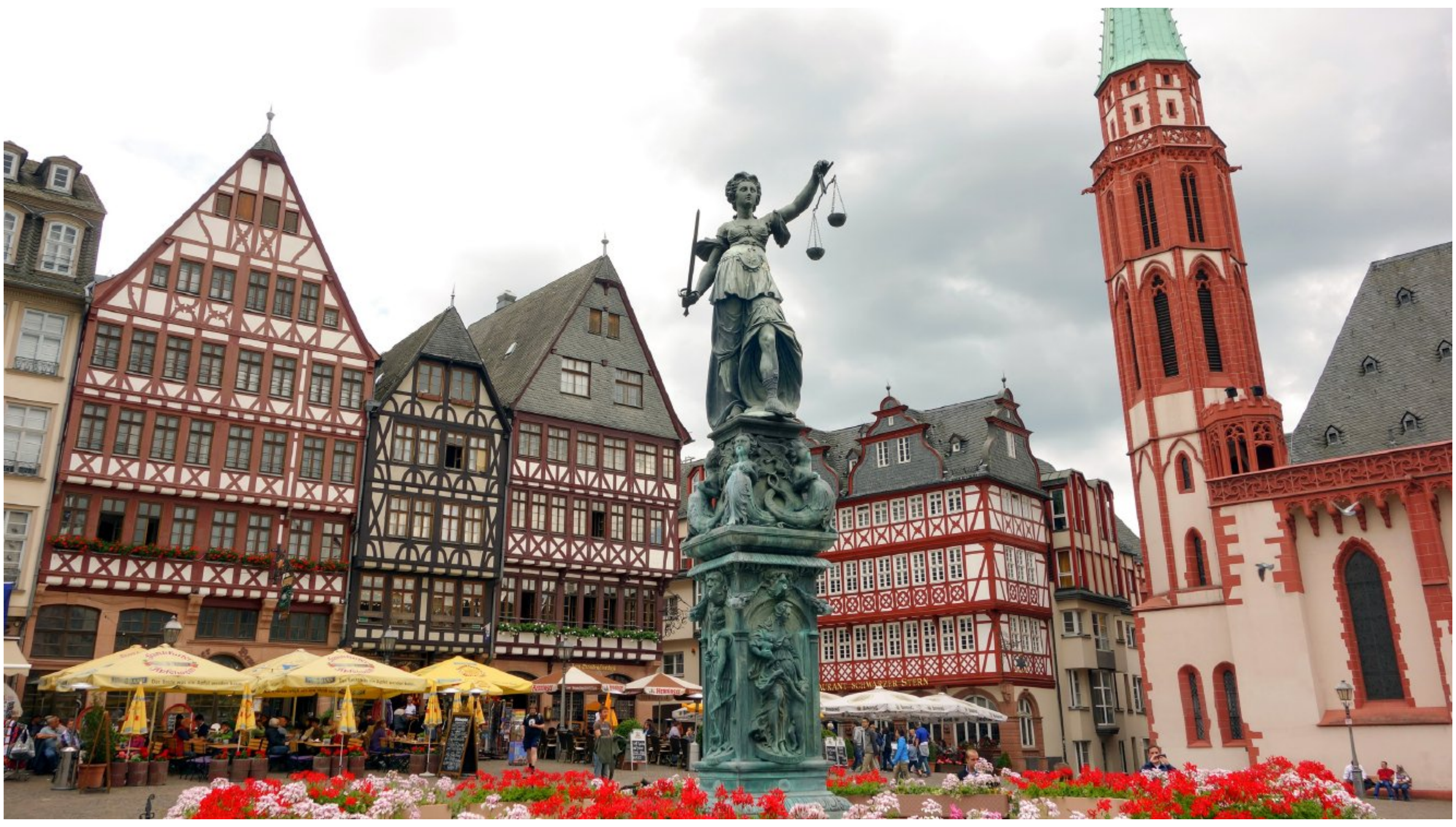

In Frankfurt's Romerberg Square, the half-timbered buildings were rebuilt in 1983, after bombs destroyed the originals during World War II. **RICK STEVES**

Cosmopolitan Frankfurt, while low on Old World charm, offers a good look at today's no-nonsense, modern Germany. If you're a budget traveler, you'll likely fly into or out of this major hub for discount airlines.

With its forest of skyscrapers perched on the banks of the Main River, Frankfurt has been dubbed Germany's "Mainhattan." It's also known as "Bankfurt." Its banking district includes the twin towers of Deutsche Bank, the Eurotower (home of the European Central Bank), and the headquarters of Commerzbank, designed by Norman Foster (of Berlin Reichstag fame). This 985-foot skyscraper has nine winter gardens spiraling up its core and windows that actually open. It's considered the first ecological skyscraper — radically "green" when it opened in 1997.

If you arrive in Frankfurt by train, you won't be impressed. The area near the station is seedy. But the Metro quickly whisks you to top museums and charming squares.

In the 1980s, Frankfurt decided that it wanted to buck its "Bankfurt" image. It went on a culture kick and devoted 11% of the city budget to the arts and culture. The result: Frankfurt has become a city of art. Nine museums in striking buildings line the Main River — including museums on architecture, film, world cultures and the great European masters.

Many of the city's historic sights are clustered around Romerberg, the main square. The City Hall houses the Imperial Hall, where Holy Roman Emperors celebrated their coronations. The cute row of half-timbered houses (rebuilt in 1983) opposite City Hall is typical of Frankfurt's quaint old center before the square was destroyed in World War II. From Christmas markets to violent demonstrations, this square is the heart of Frankfurt.

Saalgasse, literally "long hall street," just off the main square, offers a perspective on pre-WWII Frankfurt. In the 1990s, famous architects from around the world were each given a ruined house on this street and asked to design a new building to reflect the structure that stood there before the war. The result is a lane of postmodern buildings that echo their higgledy-piggledy predecessors.

For another before-and-after experience, visit St. Bartholomew's Cathedral, the coronation site for 10 Holy Roman Emperors from 1562 to 1792. Before the bombs came, everything of value was moved to safety. But the delightful, 15th-century, red-sandstone Chapel of Sleeping Mary was too big to move, so it was fortified with sandbags. The altarpiece and the fine stained glass survived. The rest of the cathedral was seriously damaged during World War II, rebuilt and reopened in 1953.

Frankfurt makes an easy half-day stop for travelers. Planning to sleep here is a gamble, since the city's numerous trade fairs send hotel prices skyrocketing — a $100 double can suddenly shoot up to $400 (to avoid the fairs, visit www.messe-frankfurt.com; scroll down to "Upcoming events").

If you stay in Frankfurt, you won't be the only notable the city has hosted. At Goethe House, the birthplace of Johann Wolfgang von Goethe — scientist, minister, poet, lawyer, politician and playwright. The house is furnished as it was in the mid-18th century, when the boy destined to become "the German Shakespeare" grew up here.

Frankfurt, the birthplace of Anne Frank, had a thriving Jewish population until the rise of the Nazis in the 1930s. The city is also the hometown of the wealthy Rothschild family. Born in the Frankfurt ghetto in 1744, Mayer Rothschild went from being a pauper to the richest banker in the world. His five sons set up business in Rome, London, Paris and Vienna, and in two generations the Rothschild banking dynasty was established. For more on Frankfurt's Jewish population, visit the city's fascinating Jewish Museum, housed in the former Rothschild Palace, and Museum Judengasse, in the former Jewish Ghetto.

When you're done sightseeing and ready to unwind, go to Frankfurt's apple-wine pub district. The cobbled, cozy Sachsenhausen neighborhood is both a well-heeled residential area and an eating-and-drinking zone, enjoyed by tourists and Frankfurters alike. More than a hundred characteristic apple-wine pubs have taken root here (alongside plenty of other options). Apfelwein, drunk around here since Charlemagne's time 1,200 years ago, became more popular in the 16th century, when local grapes suffered from disease. Apple wine is about the strength of beer (5.5% alcohol), and is served spiced and warm in winter, cold in summer. To complement your traditional drink with a traditional meal, order Frankfurt sausage or pork chops and kraut.

From the seedy to the sublime, from Goethe to apple wine, even two or three hours in Frankfurt leaves you with some powerful impressions. You'll have seen 21st-century Germany, beyond the country's cliches of old castles and cute, cobbled squares. For years, Frankfurt was a city to avoid ... but today, its energy makes it worth a look.

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GEOQUIZ ANSWER

Montpelier. Located in the north-central part of the state, its Capitol building is among the oldest in the country, and was completed in 1859. The city's population is about 8,100 people.

CELEBRITY TRAVEL

For Idris Debrand, NYC feels like home

By Jae-Ha Kim
Tribune Content Agency

Idris Debrand wants to see Tokyo this year. **JOSEPH SINCLAIR**

Last seen in the Apple TV+ series "Dear Edward," Idris Debrand is at work on the streaming site's upcoming series "Sinking Spring," where he plays the younger version of a character played by Brian Tyree Henry. "Ray is a complex character and we see some of the choices he's made as a teenager and how they affect him in the present day," said the actor. "So (without giving) too much away, I play the reason why Ray is the way he is."

Originally from London, Debrand currently splits his time between Philadelphia and New York.

Q: Of all the characters you've portrayed, which one would make a good travel partner?
A: I played a character named Sid in a feature film called "Kat and the Band." He was a talented, sometimes slow drummer. He was always full of energy and had so much optimistic vibes even in the worst scenarios. I'd love to travel with Sid because I know he would make the holiday memorable. He would dance with the locals, he's not afraid to make a fool of himself in the name of fun and he'd always be down for the excursions. Granted, I'd probably have to explain everything to him like he's a child so that he gets it. But once he gets it, he's all in and committed!

Q: How have your travels affected your craft as an actor?
A: Being well-traveled can enhance your acting ability because you've got a lot of experiences to pull from. The more you have to pull from, the better you can be as an actor. Traveling to different countries has allowed me to see different perspectives of things. For example, poverty in London is not the same kind of poverty in Nigeria or in Los Angeles. Being in other countries, you get to hear the authentic accents, (which) can make them easier to learn.

Q: What was the first trip you took as a child?
A: Nigeria. I must have been about 5 or 6 years old and I went with my mum. I'm the youngest of six and it was only me that my mum took with her. Initially I was excited to know I was going on holiday. But close to the time, it dawned on me that I'll be leaving my sisters and brother back home. It mortified me and I remember begging my mum to not take me with her. I'm glad she didn't listen to my whining. (Laughs.) Nigeria was an incredible time! I got to meet so many family members — my grandparents and my parents' siblings. My uncle took me to so many places, put me on the back of his motorbike, which my mum was furious about! I was told so many stories. I loved seeing how the people there who didn't have much were still very happy. It made me appreciate the privileges I have back home.

Q: Have you planned any trips for 2023?
A: I'm going to Jamaica in December. I want to perhaps visit Ghana, South Africa and Tokyo this year.

Q: Do you speak any foreign languages?
A: Unfortunately, I don't speak any foreign language. I'm Nigerian and my tribe is Yoruba. I can understand about 70 percent of it, but can't speak. I do wish one day to learn it fluently.

Q: Where have you traveled to that most reminded you of home?
A: New York City reminds me of home the most. As most people would say, London and New York are very similar. I would go as far as to say New York is London on steroids.

For more from the reporter, visit www.jaehakim.com.

TRAVEL TROUBLESHOOTER

Budget charges a customer $250 for calibrating a camera

By Christopher Elliott
King Features Syndicate

Q: I rented a car from Budget last summer in Jacksonville, Florida. I noticed several dents and scratches, which I planned to point out during the walk-around inspection. But the attendant told me that they "don't do inspections" because they keep records of any damage that happens to their vehicles. That didn't seem right, so I took photos of the damage.

When I returned the vehicle, there was also no inspection. The next month, I received a letter from Budget telling me it would charge my credit card $250 for damages. They claim that the damage involved a windshield camera — not any of the dents or scratches I had photos of.

I assured Budget that nothing had happened to the vehicle while I had possession of it, and I asked for paperwork on the damage. Budget never produced any evidence of the damage.

My credit card company told me that the time for a dispute had expired and there was nothing they could do. Can you help?
— Tony Parise, St. Louis

A: Budget was charging you to recalibrate one of its windshield cameras — a camera you probably didn't even know existed.

The problem with Budget's claim is that it didn't elaborate on the damage. Why did it have to recalibrate the camera? Often, it has to recalibrate the camera when it decides to replace the windshield. But I didn't see an invoice for a replaced windshield. So, this one is a real mystery. You took almost every precaution to make sure you didn't face any extra charges. Asking for a pre-rental inspection was a terrific idea. It doesn't matter that Budget conducts its own inspection. You need your own photos.

Your case is a reminder to take pre- and post-rental images of everything, including the windshield. Why is the windshield so important? The leading cause of damage to car rentals is a chipped windshield. You need proof that you returned your car with an intact windshield.

I'm not saying your camera-calibration bill was fraudulent. But I had questions. You can buy a decent windshield camera for about $100. How can you justify a $250 charge just to calibrate a windshield camera? Also, where's the bill from the repair shop for the calibration? And why didn't Budget tell you about the problem, instead of just billing your credit card?

By the way, you need a new credit card company. If you notified your card about the questionable charge within 60 days, then it didn't comply with the Fair Credit Billing Act. (I have more details about this in my free guide on credit card disputes.)

A brief, polite email to one of the Budget executives I publish on my consumer advocacy website might have also resolved this problem.

I contacted Budget on your behalf. A representative responded and promised to fix the problem. But Budget only refunded $166, shortchanging you by $84. I contacted Budget again, and it finally refunded the rest.

That's a lesson learned for the rest of us: Watch those windshield cams on your rental cars.

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Image Hermes bags convey depends on their condition

By Marisa Meltzer
The New York Times

A growing resale market has made Hermes bags available to more people. **RESEE VIA THE NEW YORK TIMES**

Jenny Walton had coveted an Hermes bag for years before finally buying one last fall.

"They're never going to go out of style," Walton, 33, offered as a reason she wanted to own one of the brand's handbags, which can cost four, five, even six figures.

Hermes' bags include the Kelly and its more famous sister, the Birkin, both of which have long been regarded as symbols of status. Particularly the Birkin, which for decades had a reasonable claim to the title of rarest handbag in the world.

That reputation, for the most part, has not changed. But as a growing resale market has made Hermes bags available to more people — reality TV stars, say, or those whose wealth does not span generations — the image that the bags convey, according to some, depends on their condition. To that (small) group, the more pristine the bag, the more gauche its wearer seems.

"Real Housewives have closets full, and that has a kind of tacky look," said Walton, an American illustrator and influencer who lives in Milan. She bought her Hermes bag — a secondhand, purplish-brown Kelly with gold-plated hardware — in Paris at Resee, a designer consignment store, for 3,000 euros, or about $2,900 at the time. With visible markings from use, she said, "it just looks cooler."

Candice Bergen has used Hermes bags as a canvas for paintings. Julia Fox has a Birkin bag with slashes on its edges. (In a video on TikTok, she claimed the slashes were a result of a machete attack.) Novelist Danielle Steel has carried a Kelly bag that shows its age. Mary-Kate Olsen also has a Kelly bag that is so faded, its original color is hard to discern. "Though the bag costs upwards of $10,000, she treats it like the overstuffed briefcase of a used-car salesman," Liana Satenstein, a senior fashion writer at Vogue.com, wrote of Olsen.

Though Hermes bags have always been pricey, they haven't always been so rarefied. According to the company, the Birkin, released in 1984, was born from a conversation that year between actress Jane Birkin, whom the style is named for, and Jean-Louis Dumas, then the CEO of Hermes. While seated next to each other on a flight from Paris to London, Birkin told Dumas that she needed a bag for all the things she had to tote around for her children.

According to Rachel Koffsky, the international head of handbags at the auction house Christie's, Birkin is said to have described the Birkin bag as a great rain hat. Koffsky added that Birkin would personalize her bags with stickers and key chains.

Hermes' Haut a courroies bag also had utilitarian origins: It was designed to transport saddles and riding boots. Last month, a visibly worn Haut a courroies bag owned by fashion editor Andre Leon Talley sold for more than $32,000 at auction at Christie's.

W. David Marx, the author of "Status and Culture," said that for luxury goods to function as status symbols, they need cachet, an association with high-status lifestyles and to be used in a way that is not only to mark status.

Someone carrying a beat-up Hermes bag suggests that the person is not simply wearing it because of its label, according to Marx. It can give the impression, he wrote in an email, that "I don't even care if it gets beat up, because I'm not using this for status marking."

"It's just a bag," he wrote. "Who cares if it's beat up?"

Mother vs. daughter earring dispute

Ellen Warren
Answer Angel

Jamie Lee Curtis wore silver-colored jewelry March 12 at the Academy Awards in Los Angeles. **ARTURO HOLMES/GETTY**

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: My daughter says, "No one wears silver-colored earrings." I have gray hair and once read silver jewelry looks best with my color hair. Who wins?

— *Genevieve B. J.*

Dear Genevieve: You win! Silver-colored jewelry was in plentiful supply at the recent Oscars (though much of it was probably platinum). Both silver and gold colors are fine and fashionable and will never go out of style. It is totally a matter of personal preference. While you're happy with silver with your silver hair, both silver and gold jewelry looks great with any hair color.

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: I have been using Jergens Natural Glow Firming Moisturizer for years. The new one I bought is so watery that it runs down my face. Why do they have to mess with a good thing? Now I have to find a new moisturizer. Any suggestions?

— *Helen M.*

Dear Helen: I think you'll be happy with the well-priced brand CeraVe, available at drugstores. CeraVe Facial Moisturizing Lotion AM is SPF 30. I recommend that for day, and Facial Moisturizing Lotion PM for bedtime (both at cvs.com, $14.99). CeraVe makes many other moisturizing creams and cleansers and I've been pleased with all that I have tried over many years of testing against much more expensive brands.

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: I have been looking for soft and absorbent towels with no luck. Because you have to use the towels to find out, they are not returnable. I've heard lot about Egyptian cotton and would like some help.

— *George D.*

Dear George: Not surprisingly, The Egyptian Cotton Association (cottonegyptassociation.com) says their product "is the finest in the world ... stays stronger for longer ... will hold its own with deeper, brighter and more resistant colour."

I have purchased Egyptian cotton items in Egypt and the cotton is nice. But I don't find it dramatically nicer than U.S. cotton. As for your search for soft and absorbent towels, I'm not that fussy. But plenty of readers have strong opinions and are happy to share. What do readers recommend? And be very specific, please!

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: My Tweezerman tweezers are getting dull. Yes, I know there's a lifetime warranty and I can mail them back for free sharpening, but it's a hassle. Isn't there a way to sharpen tweezers rather than sending them away to get sharpened or just discarding them?

— *Molly A.*

Dear Molly: An emery board will sharpen dull edges. You also can use emery boards to sharpen sewing machine needles and utility knives. Tweezerman tweezers are the best I've found, though they're not cheap. I've often used the lifetime free sharpening (by mail), which is a pain and slow, but still a great bonus.

Angelic Readers 1

From Gloria M.: "I notice that many women are now wearing those large, sometimes huge, skinny round hoop pierced earrings. Some look so big that they might be a hazard with the potential of catching on something. I've always thought that whatever earrings one choses to wear should be something beautiful and/or interesting with lots of color or symbols. These are neither. So, I'm puzzled as to why they seem to be so popular."

Angelic Readers 2

Readers stepped up to suggest solutions to Penny L.'s problem of retrieving tiny toys and other things that fall into floor vents: Joan D. and Ralph B. buy window screening and cut it to size to go under their floor vents to prevent items from falling deep inside. Cathy N. and Catherine M. use "floor register net traps" from Lowe's (lowes.com, 2 for $9.28). Terrie B. suggests placing a piece of cheesecloth (many options on amazon.com and at grocery and kitchen stores) underneath the vent cover.

Send your questions, rants, tips, favorite finds — on style, shopping, makeup, fashion and beauty — to answerangelellen@gmail.com.

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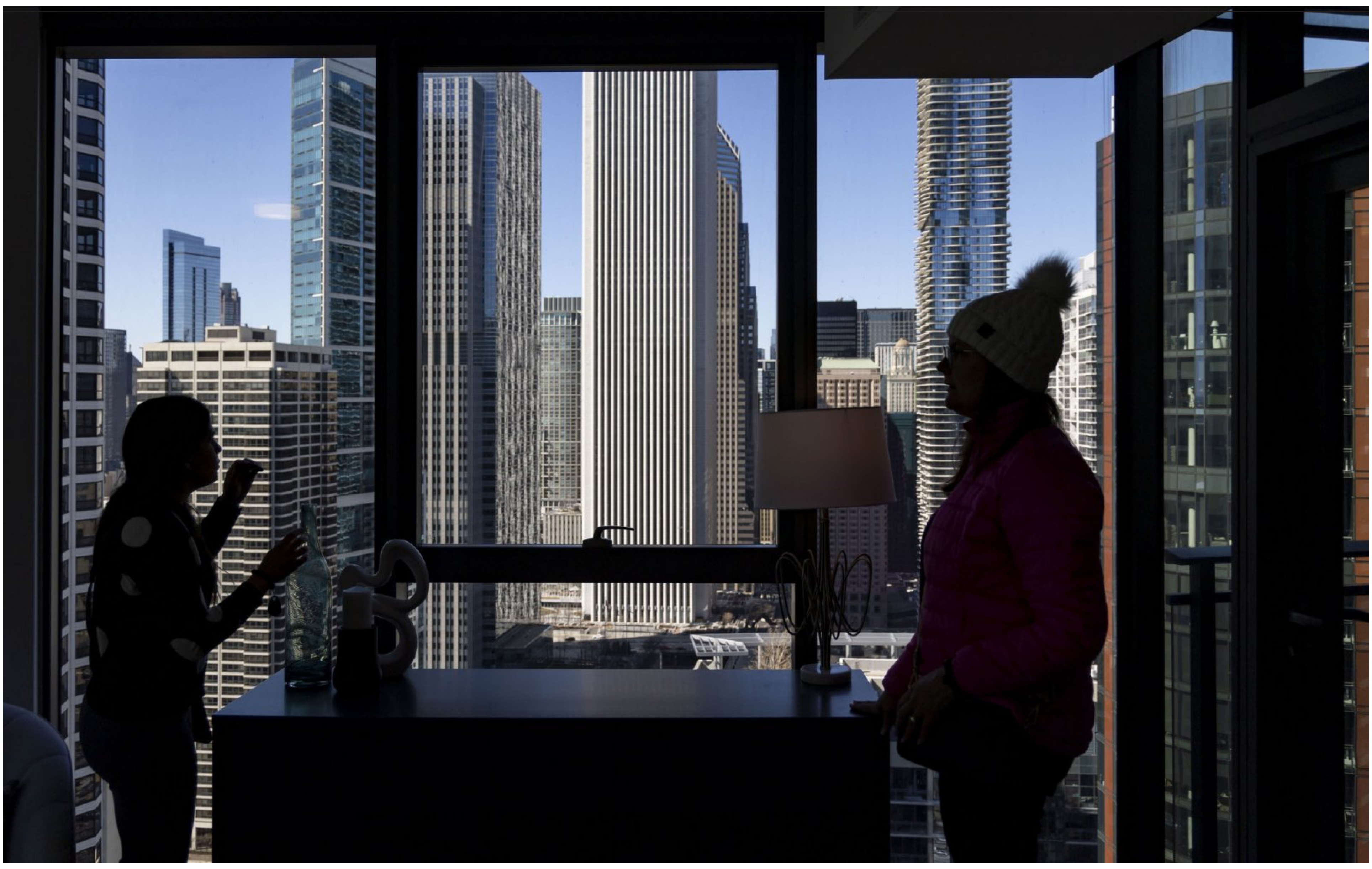

Real estate broker Molly Sundby, left, gives a tour to a prospective buyer at the Cirrus Condominiums in Lakeshore East. **BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

IN SHORT SUPPLY

Spring housing market 'stalling' as record-low inventory plagues buyers

By Lizzie Kane | Chicago Tribune

Ron Vlasic, 56, was one of 19 bidders on a $315,000, three-bedroom house in Des Plaines in February.

He started by offering $1,000 over the asking price. A few days later, after the property hosted a busy open house, he raised his cash offer to $18,000 over asking price.

For Vlasic, who had previously made three unsuccessful offers on other houses, the fourth time was the charm. The deal closed and his daughter, her partner and their two kids now occupy the Des Plaines home, which is 5 miles from where Vlasic lives.

"We made all cash offers on these homes and were immediately outbid by other buyers," said Vlasic, who works for a national company that owns and operates golf courses and country clubs.

Spring is typically a time when the number of real estate transactions starts to pick up again after the slower winter months. But this year Chicago-area buyers such as Vlasic are facing historically low levels of available homes as more sellers stay on the sidelines because of high mortgage rates and fears that the tight supply of homes might make it difficult for them to find another place to live.

Laura Ellis, chief strategy officer and president of residential sales at Baird & Warner, said high interest rates are grabbing all the attention when the bigger issue in the Chicagoland market is not having enough supply to meet demand.

"The spring market is stalling, but it's because we don't have enough properties to sell," Ellis said. "That may moderate as more listings come on the market, but the problem that we have is that sellers are afraid to put their homes on the market if they need to buy another house because they (worry) they are not going to find (another home)."

The inventory of homes for sale in the city is down about 18% year over year, according to February data from Illinois Realtors, a trade association for real estate agents. The year-over-year decline in inventory is about 14% for Cook County.

In the Chicago metro area total inventory levels in February show

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ELITE STREET

Former Cubs pitcher sells unfinished Glencoe mansion

By Bob Goldsborough
For The Chicago Tribune

Former Cubs pitcher Jason Hammel, who has been retired from Major League Baseball since 2019, sold an unfinished, six-bedroom Glencoe mansion he had been building with his wife for $3.68 million.
BOB GOLDSBOROUGH

Former Chicago Cubs pitcher Jason Hammel, who has been retired from Major League Baseball since 2019, and his wife, Elissa, on Feb. 16 sold an unfinished, six-bedroom, 6,000-square-foot mansion in Glencoe for $3.68 million.

Hammel, 40, pitched for the Cubs in two different stints between 2014 and 2016 as part of a 15-year major league career.

Situated on a 0.65-acre lot — unusually large for Glencoe — the house on Wentworth Avenue that the Hammels were building was listed in November and sold for its precise asking price. The Hammels, who separately owned a five-bedroom, 5,350-square-foot brick and limestone house in Chicago's Lakeview neighborhood from 2015 until selling it in late 2021 for $2.55 million, paid $1.1 million in 2019 for the Glencoe property.

"We basically decided for the time being that (this) was a project that we were no longer passionate about, and we were kind of keeping our options open and based on kid stuff and family stuff, that we weren't going to be at that address," Elissa Hammel told Elite Street regarding the unfinished Glencoe house.

Right after the couple sold their Lakeview house in December 2021, Elissa Hammel told Elite Street that the couple planned to move to the northeastern U.S. to be closer to her family.

"That's kind of the (same)

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REAL ESTATE MATTERS

Landlord seeks compensation for tenant's early lease termination

A lease agreement should contain a paragraph that describes the remedies a landlord offers should the tenant default under the terms of the lease. **DREAMSTIME**

By Ilyce Glink and Samuel J. Tamkin
Tribune Content Agency

Q: I own and have rented a townhouse in one of the northwest suburbs of Chicago since 1990. I used to get my renters through newspaper ads, then Craigslist. More recently, I hired a local Realtor to list the unit in the multiple listing service (MLS). The Realtor found a new tenant much faster than I would have, and provided a credit check report, so it was worth her fee.

My question is about what I can do if a tenant moves out before the lease ends. My understanding is that I have a legal right to keep charging the tenant monthly rent until I find a new tenant or the lease ends. I also have to diligently begin seeking a new tenant. I'm wondering if I can expect reimbursement for cleaning and repairs beyond ordinary wear and tear, and advertising fees.

With regards to advertising fees, can I charge them the Realtor's fee to find me a new tenant? That fee is typically one month's rent, and it is based on the new rental rate, which may be a bit higher than what the renter had been paying. What if they move out one month before the lease ends? Is it still appropriate to charge them for the Realtor's fee?

A: We're delighted you've had success renting out your townhouse for more than 30 years. Clearly, you know how to find good tenants and keep them reasonably (or very) happy.

These days, landlords have lots of options for listing their rental properties. These include listing the property with a real estate agent, or using online listing services such as Zillow.com, Apartments.com, Trulia.com, Craigslist.com and Nextdoor.com, among others. Or, you might go the old-school route and put a listing sheet in your neighbors' mailboxes, or stick a sign in the window or in your front yard. Each carries costs and benefits.

Your question is really about your tenant and their decision to move out prior to the end of the lease term. Your lease agreement should contain a paragraph that describes the remedies you have should the tenant default under the terms of the lease. However, some municipalities may limit those remedies based on landlord-tenant ordinances they may have passed. You'll need to look at your agreement and any local landlord-tenant ordinances to understand what actions you may take.

If you have advance notice and are able to re-lease the town home without a financial loss, you may not have any actual damages to claim from the tenant. (Physical damage to the property is another story. We'll get to that shortly.)

You're right about attempting to minimize your financial loss by trying to re-lease the property quickly.

In general, the law doesn't look kindly on landlords who don't take some action to limit the damage.

In your case, you could relist the place for rent. If you find someone quickly, your only expense would be the fee paid to the listing broker for their service.

However, if the property remains unoccupied for a month or two, your tenant should be responsible for making you whole.

Generally, we think you should be able to recover the listing agent fee, as well as any loss of rent you sustain due to the tenant's early lease termination. But you'll need to talk to an attorney in your area to confirm what local laws allow.

Now, let's talk about physical damage. There's a difference between actual physical damage to the unit and ordinary wear and tear. There's also a difference between ordinary wear and tear and someone who leaves your property looking and smelling like a garbage pit.

For example, if a tenant leaves walls with holes punched in them, you should be entitled to recover money from the tenant to repair it. But if the walls have some scrapes from the tenant moving in or out, we don't see that as a reimbursable expense. If you lease your home to a tenant with a cat or dog, and the pet repeatedly digs into the carpet or wood floor or has accidents inside the property, that could damage the floor (ask us how we know!). However, a small nail hole made in a wall to hang a picture may not be reimbursable damage.

We often recommend that landlords set the rules and guidelines for tenants, and go over those with them before they move in. That way, the tenants understand what you will consider damage to the unit.

Cleaning is separate. Typically, landlords arrange to professionally clean a property after it turns over. We don't think you can recover a cleaning fee unless the tenant leaves the property filthy, with garbage left everywhere. We once owned a property where the tenant's cooking left a film of sticky grease on the kitchen ceiling. Ultimately, we couldn't clean it and had to repaint.

There isn't really a clear line for you to follow when it comes to weighing physical damage versus ordinary wear and tear. If you've had a good tenant, and they leave the property in fairly good condition, you'll likely look over some minor damage.

But when a tenant defaults on the lease and vacates the property without paying in full, you should be entitled to recover money from the tenant for damage they caused to the home along with the expenses you incur in re-leasing the home — even if there is one month left in the term of the lease.

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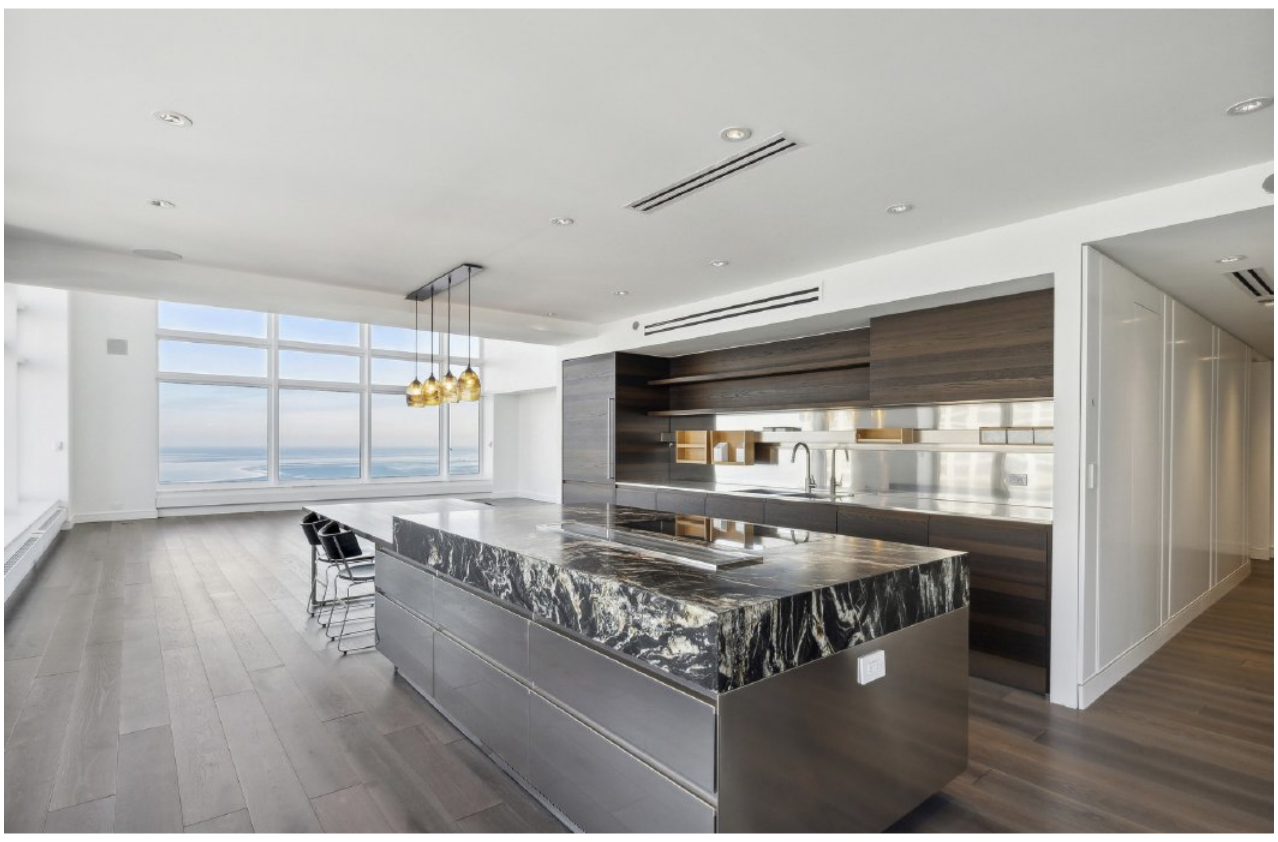

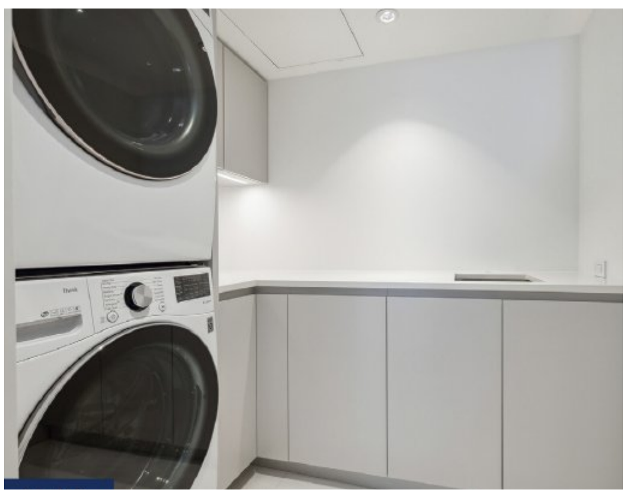

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HOME OF THE WEEK

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Listed: Feb. 6, 2023

This three-bedroom home has three full baths, two half baths, a two-story great room and a powder room with a marble vanity. The kitchen is equipped with Arclinea cabinets, a leathered quartzite island and Sub-Zero and Wolf appliances. The primary suite features a walk-in closet with a leather-wrapped island and an en-suite bathroom with a Roman shower and a bubble jet soaking tub. Two secondary bedrooms both have walk-in closets and en-suite bathrooms. Two laundry rooms, motorized shades, and Waterworks plumbing fixtures complete this home.

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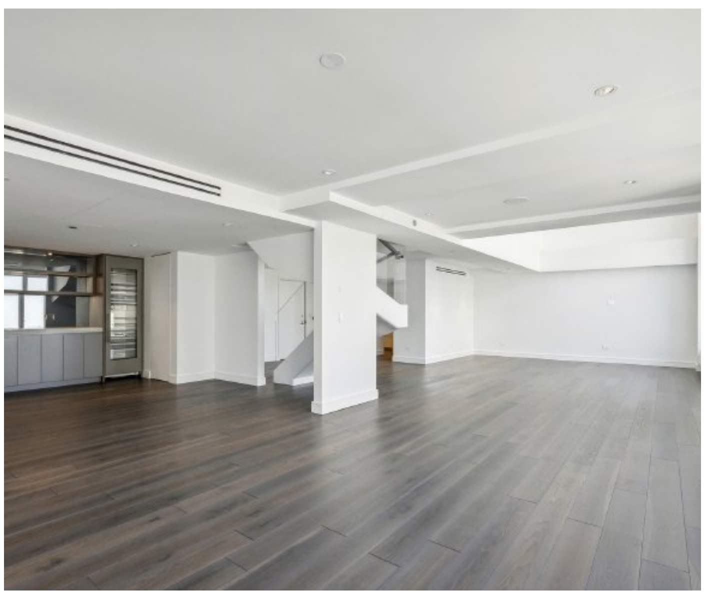

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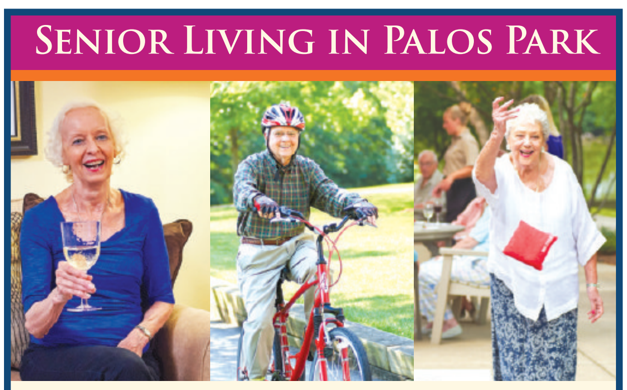

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Despite market slump, high rates dim homebuyer hopes

By Alex Veiga
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Sheila and Scott Collett stand Feb. 21 in front of the home they recently purchased in Valrico, Florida. **PHELAN M. EBENHACK/AP**

Homeownership is likely to remain a pipe dream for many Americans this spring homebuying season.

The nation's worst housing slump in nearly a decade stoked hope among prospective buyers that homes could be scooped up more easily. But while prices appear to have peaked last summer, they still ended 2022 higher than they were at the end of 2021. And the median U.S. home price has increased 42% since 2019.

A series of interest rate increases by the Federal Reserve last year is making matters worse for homebuyers, pushing mortgage rates to their highest level in two decades.

The average long-term rate on a 30-year mortgage reached a two-decade high of 7.08% in the fall. Rates eased in December and January, but have been climbing since early February. The average rate hit 6.73% recently, the highest level since early November. A year ago, it averaged 3.85%.

That rate translates into a roughly 49% increase in the monthly payment on a median-priced U.S. home than a year ago, said George Ratiu, senior economist at Realtor.com.

"For real estate markets, the rise in rates means higher mortgage payments, deepening the affordability challenge just as we move into the crucial spring homebuying season," he said.

For prospective buyers holding out for a meaningful dip in mortgage rates, they may be in for a long wait. Zillow recently polled 100 economists and real estate experts on their outlook for what the average rate on a 30-year mortgage will be by the end of this year and the median forecast was 6%.

Stronger-than-expected reports on the economy this year have fueled expectations that the Federal Reserve may have to keep pushing up its key borrowing rate to tame inflation, deepening the affordability challenge for would-be buyers like Joe Arndt in Reiserstown, Maryland.

The 28-year-old athletic trainer has been looking to buy a home in the Baltimore area for over a year, but hasn't found much he can afford within his $225,000-$250,000 price range. He now feels shut out of the market.

"I thought that things would start to cool down a little bit more," Arndt said. "Prices are still the same as they were a year ago, if not a little higher."

Another factor that may keep people out of the housing market is the fact that the amount of money a typical homebuyer needs to earn in order to afford a house continues to climb. In the fourth quarter of last year, you had to make at least $80,142 a year to buy a home at the national median price of $325,000, according to an analysis by Attom, a real estate information company. That's a nearly 36% increase from the same quarter in 2021.

The analysis, which was based on data from 581 counties, defines an affordable home purchase as a transaction that includes a 20% down payment and monthly costs for the mortgage payment, property taxes and insurance that don't exceed 28% of the buyer's annual income.

One market shift that could help make homes more affordable is a significant increase in homes for sale. Nationally, there are more available now than a year ago, and that's likely to increase in coming weeks as traditionally more homes hit the market in the spring months.

The number of homes for sale rose for the first time in five months in January to 980,000, up 15.3% from a year earlier, according to the National Association of Realtors. That amounts to a 2.9-month supply at the current sales pace — better than in January last year.

But it's still far from the 5- to 6-month supply that reflects a more balanced market between buyers and sellers. And the prospects for a bigger spike in supply are slim, given that new construction hasn't kept up pace with demand after years of underbuilding following the housing crash in 2008. At the same time, most homeowners with a mortgage have locked in ultra-low rates over the years and have less financial incentive to sell.

It's not all bad news for buyers. The bidding wars that led to homes often selling for well above asking prices a year ago are less common as higher mortgage rates have forced some buyers out of the market. And data show sellers are more willing to lower their asking price than they were a year ago.

Sobhit Haribhakti, 29, and his fiancee, Sierra McNeilly, 26, were worried higher borrowing costs would hamper their bid to become homeowners. But the couple, who live in the Cleveland suburb of Strongsville, were able to find a house they could afford. The couple got a two-bedroom, two-and-a-half-bathroom house for around $230,000, or $15,000 below asking price, and financed the purchase with a 30-year mortgage with a fixed rate of 5.75%. The seller also kicked in $10,000 toward their closing costs.

"We're definitely going to refinance at some point," Haribhakti said. "But it seems like the way it worked out we got a pretty good amount of seller concessions."

Buyers like Haribhakti and McNeilly who can make the homebuying math work have some trends in their favor. For one, homes are taking longer to sell. On average, homes sold in 33 days of hitting the market in January, up from 19 days a year earlier, according to the National Association of Realtors.

That's pushing some sellers to lower prices. In January, about 190,000 homes on the market had their price reduced, a nearly threefold increase from a year earlier, according to Realtor.com.

Many buyers are also increasingly opting for a mortgage rate buydown, which lowers the rate on their home loan for a few years or for the life of the loan and thus reduces the homebuyer's overall borrowing costs. In exchange, buyers pay fees as part of their closing costs to cover the rate buydown.

Some sellers are even offering to cover those closing costs for a buyer to get the deal done.

Scott Collett, an account manager in Tampa, Florida, recently negotiated a seller-paid mortgage rate buydown to close the deal on a four-bedroom, two-bathroom house with a pool. The property, which had been on the market for nearly a year, was reduced from $495,000 to $419,000.

"I basically offered what they were asking at that point in time, as they paid all the closing costs and inspection fees and everything," said Collett, 49.

The rate on his 30-year loan dropped from 6.25% to 5.26%, an improvement, but still higher than a year ago when rates averaged below 4%. For Collett, it was worth it.

"My thought was that if I had a higher interest rate, I'd pay less for the house, but I could also refinance," he said.

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a five-year low since Zillow began collecting data in January 2018.

Nationally, housing market trends are being shaped by "seasonal factors and unusually high mortgage rate volatility," Orphe Divounguy, senior economist for Zillow, said in a statement.

"Buyers are out in force, but sellers — unwilling to trade a low mortgage rate for today's higher rate — are staying on the sidelines, and that means inventory remains lower than normal for this time of year," Divounguy said.

Higher mortgage rates mean buyers can afford less. Freddie Mac had national rates for a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage at 6.42% as of March 23, down from the 7.08% peak Nov. 10.

A typical U.S. homebuyer's monthly mortgage payment averaged $2,518 for the four-week period ending March 19, according to data from Redfin. This is a 19% increase, or $410, from a year ago.

Lisa Foster, senior real estate broker with @properties/Christie's International Real Estate, is seeing these affordability issues firsthand in the Chicago area.

"People with median incomes are having a tough time with the down payment," Foster said. "They are finding it harder to save with everything being so expensive."

The area median incomes in Chicago and Cook County were $65,781 and $72,121, respectively, according to 2021 U.S. Census Bureau data.

Some of what is eating into potential homeowners' income is the cost of rent in the Chicago area, an expense that has increased greatly over the last few years.

The median sales price in the city and the county are in the low $300,000s and upper $200,000s, respectively, in February, with prices slightly up month over month and slightly down year over year, according to Illinois Realtors.

Nationally, the median existing-home sales price fell for the first time in 11 years in February, dropping 0.2% to $363,000, according to the National Association of Realtors. Prices waned in the Northeast and West, with prices climbing in the Midwest and South.

Rockie Bonney, 53, a Marine Corps veteran and U.S. Postal Service letter carrier, is looking for a $350,000 to $400,000, four-bedroom home in the Homewood or Flossmoor areas of the south suburbs for his wife, teenage son and two grandchildren.

Bonney has lost out on two homes so far, with one going $10,000 over what he offered and the other going $40,000 over.

"The home search experience has been a roller coaster, up and down," said Bonney, who is using a VA home loan, which allows qualified buyers to purchase without a down payment and to have a lower credit score than needed for a conventional loan, according to Veterans United Home Loans.

As of February, year-over-year sales in the city, Cook County and Illinois are down about 37%, 34% and 25%, respectively, according to Illinois Realtors. Compared to January sale levels, February sales are up about 10.5% for both the city and the state.

Prospective buyer John Roeger, left, looks at the view while getting a tour of Cirrus Condominiums in Lakeshore East on March 19, **BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Nationally, existing-home sales, which excludes the sales of new homes, jumped 14.5% in February — the largest monthly percentage spike since July 2020 — breaking a yearlong streak of declines, according to data from the National Association of Realtors.

James Salazar, director of growth and development at Baird & Warner's Berwyn office, said he is seeing greater interest in two- to four-unit buildings, in part because of investors but also because the multigenerational living concept is becoming more popular again in the Latino community.

Salazar, like his colleague Ellis, said there aren't enough properties available.

"We cannot keep up with the demand," Salazar said.

A recent study by DePaul University's Institute for Housing Studies shows that two- to four-unit properties — buildings that tend to be lower in cost — are more commonly purchased by Black and Latino households. That type of housing stock has been threatened in recent years due to foreclosures and gentrification, according to the study.

One type of housing stock that isn't facing an inventory shortage is the downtown condo.

Ellis of Baird & Warner said this is a "hangover from COVID," as people fled population-dense areas over upticks in crime.

John Roeger, 54, lives in the north suburbs of Cook County with his wife and is looking to buy a downtown condo now that his two children are in college.

Roeger and his wife recently toured Cirrus Condominiums — a building with one- to four-bedroom units ranging in price from $500,000 to $5.3 million — in Lakeshore East, the neighborhood they zeroed in on for their next place.

"I wouldn't have thought of this area before looking," Roeger said, adding that a big draw is that he can walk to work and access nearby trails for running.

He described himself as "casually" participating in the home search process, looking to buy by the time his first child graduates next spring.

Cirrus began selling its 350 condos in March 2022. The developer declined to comment on how many units are still available.

Andrew Hanson, interim chair of the department of real estate at the University of Illinois at Chicago, said it will soon become clearer how the housing market is going to handle higher mortgage rates.

"I really think this spring and into this summer is going to be a test run at what the market looks like when we don't think interest rates are going to go back down, when they are pretty stable in that 6 percent to 7 percent range," Hansen said.

As the ground starts to thaw and flowers bloom, Ellis is waiting for more homes to come on the market.

"We are hoping and praying (that more inventory will become available) because we have a lot of people who need houses," Ellis said.

Bonney, the resident looking to buy in the south suburbs, is one of those who hope to find a house soon.

"It is just the waiting game," Bonney said. "It has been fun and disappointing at the same time."

Elite

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sentiment (now)," she said after the sale of the Glencoe mansion. "With the baseball lifestyle, I don't think it's even possible for us to stay in one place. We're keeping all of our options open and not making any decisions. We're taking it all day by day."

Elissa Hammel said the Glencoe house remains unfinished, so the couple never moved in, and it remains far from move-in ready. The plan is for it to measure 9,300 square feet including the basement, with five full bathrooms, three half baths, a golf simulator room, a media room, an exercise room, a sauna and a kitchen with top-of-the-line appliances. Other features include high ceilings, a walk-in pantry, a family room with a fireplace, a butler's pantry, a paneled library with a bay window, a primary bedroom suite with walk-in closets, a second-floor family room, and a lower level with a media room, a rec room, a bar and a sport court.

Public records show that the buyers are a couple from Glencoe.

Warrenville home listed for $1.7M is now the highest-priced home in that western suburb: A four-bedroom, 5,523-square-foot house in unincorporated Warrenville has been listed for $1.69 million, making it the highest-priced home on the market in that western suburb.

Built in 2006 and situated on a 0.91-acre lot that is just across the street from the St. James Farm Forest Preserve, the house has 5½ bathrooms, three fireplaces, a pre-built elevator shaft, a first-floor office, high ceilings, and walls of windows and radiant heating in the basement and garage floors. Other features include a curved front staircase, wainscoting, chair rail, tray ceilings, coffered ceilings, and a gym and a large wet bar and kitchen area in the basement.

A Warrenville home listed for $1.7M. **BOBBI ROSE/REAL ESTATE VISUALL**

Although the house is less than two decades old, its kitchen was just updated in 2022 by Naperville-based Liam Brex, Inc.

"The kitchen is the heart of the home. Not only is it updated, but it's what people want — quartzite countertops, brushed gold hardware, a really nice walk-in pantry that is camouflaged with paneling, a Sub-Zero refrigerator with a paneled front door, a Sub-Zero freezer and an oversized kitchen island with a butcher block," listing agent Michael LaFido of eXp Realty told Elite Street. "It has the kitchen of a home that you'd see in a $3 million house."

Listing information stated that the house was appraised in February at $1.94 million.

The house had an $18,896 property tax bill in the 2021 tax year.

The second-highest-priced listing in Warrenville is a six-bedroom, 4,533-square-foot home currently listed for $1.25 million.

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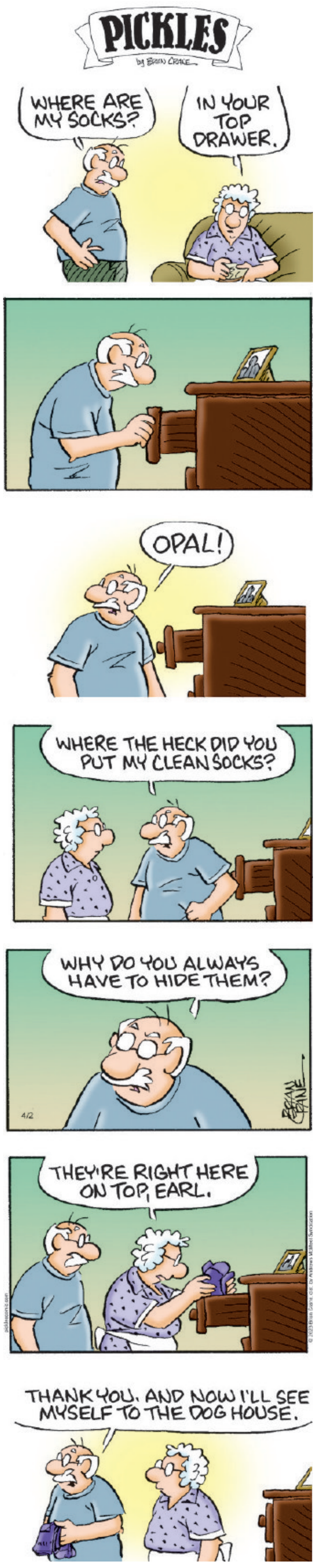
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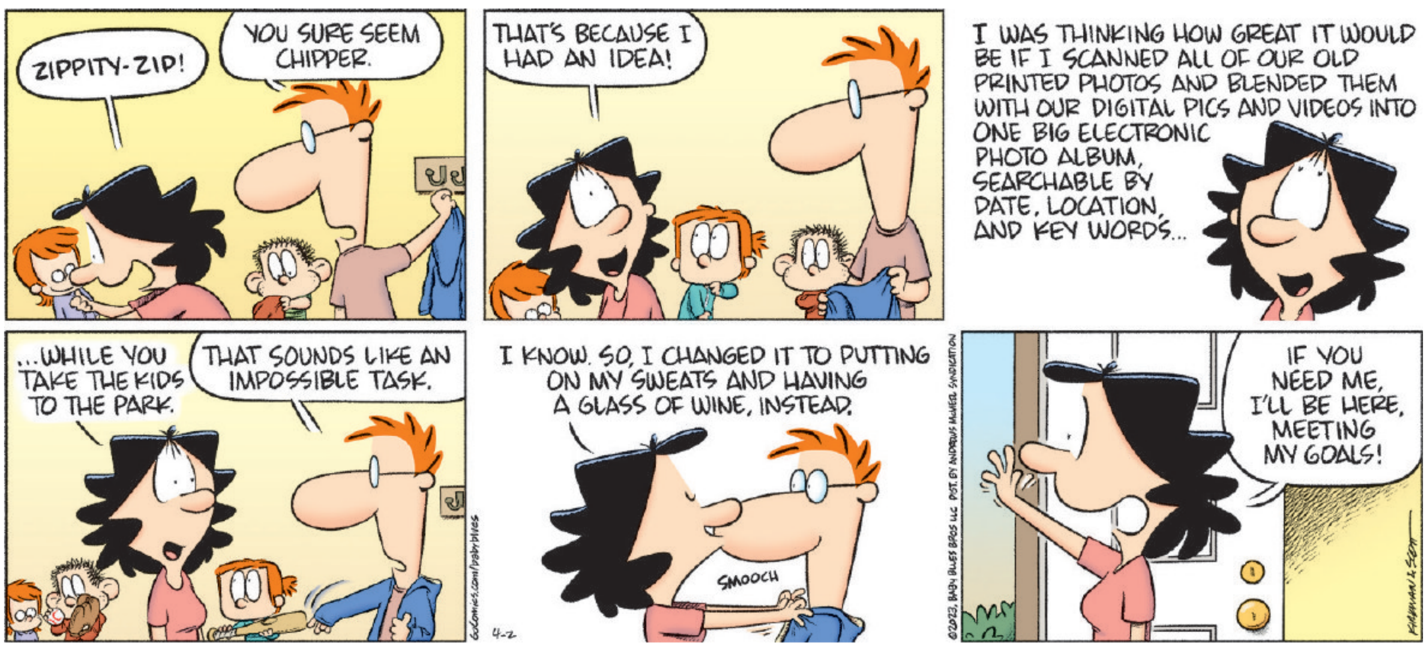
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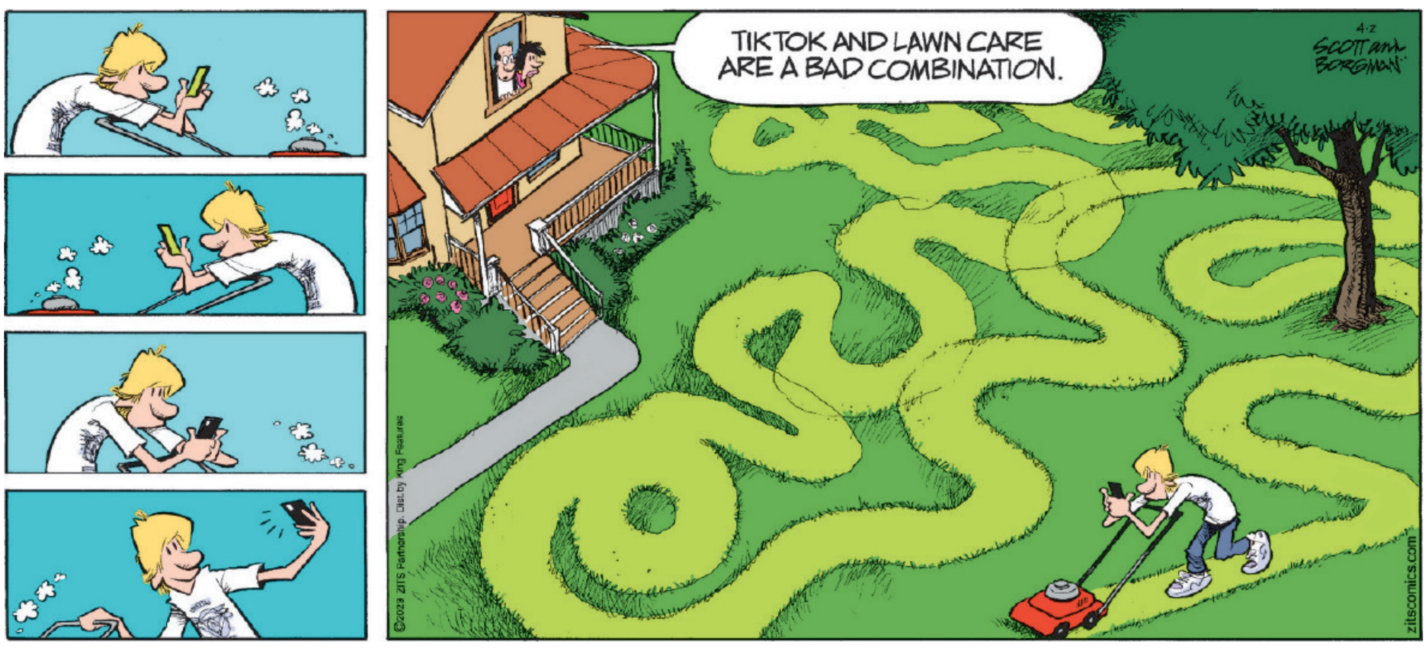
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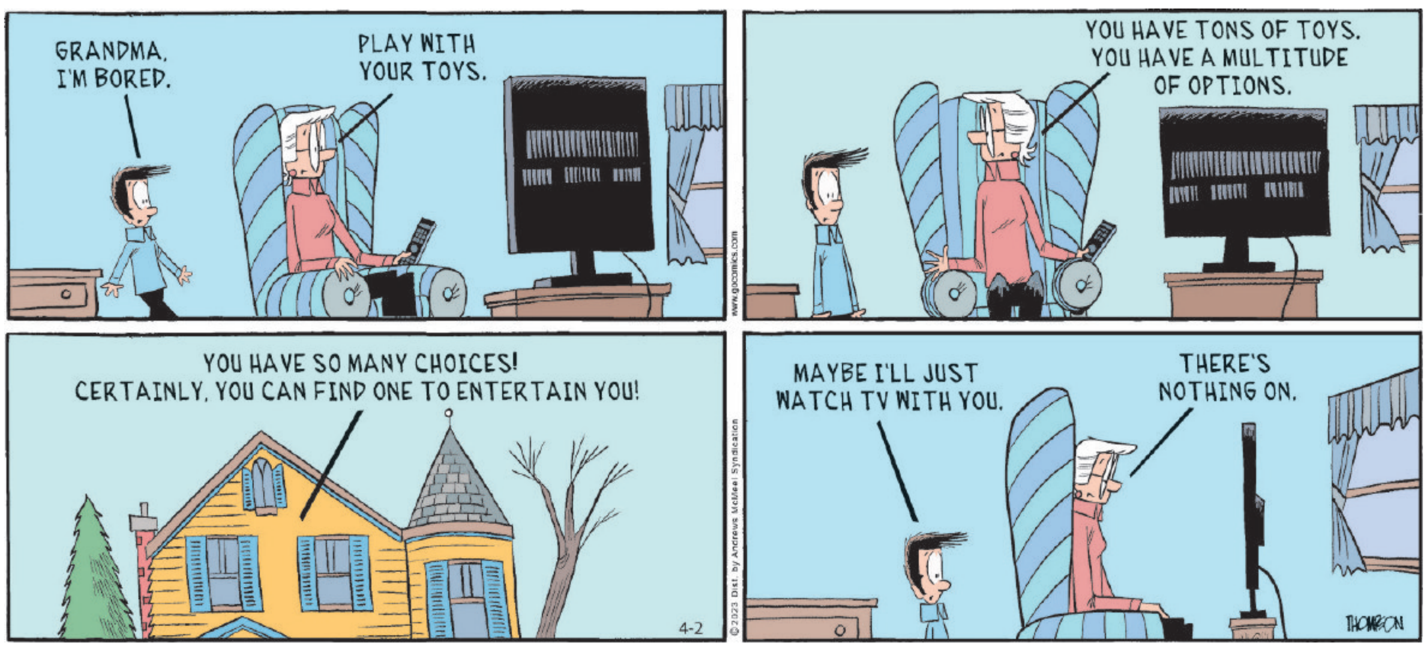
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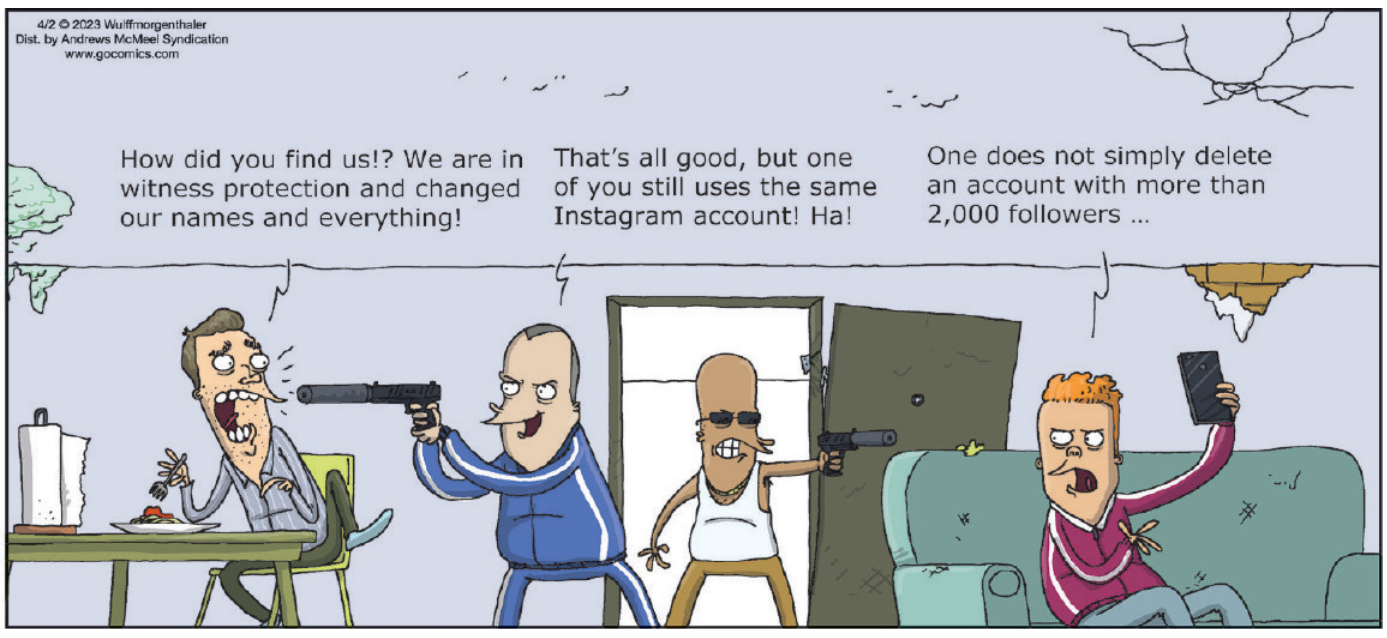
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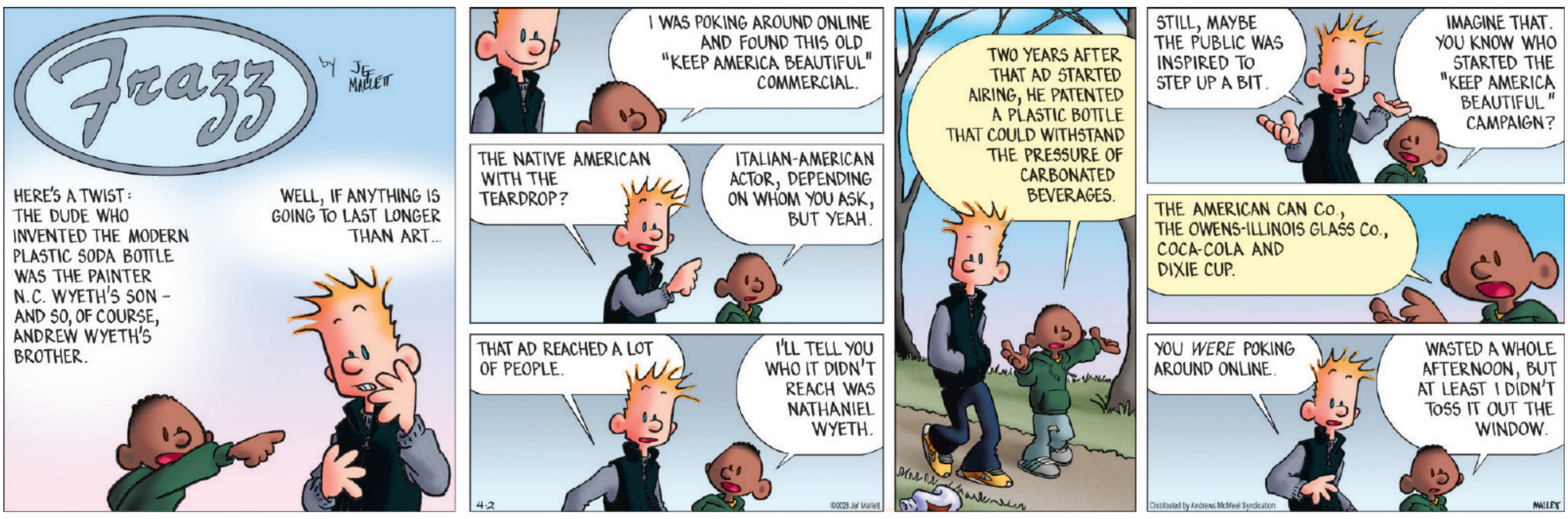
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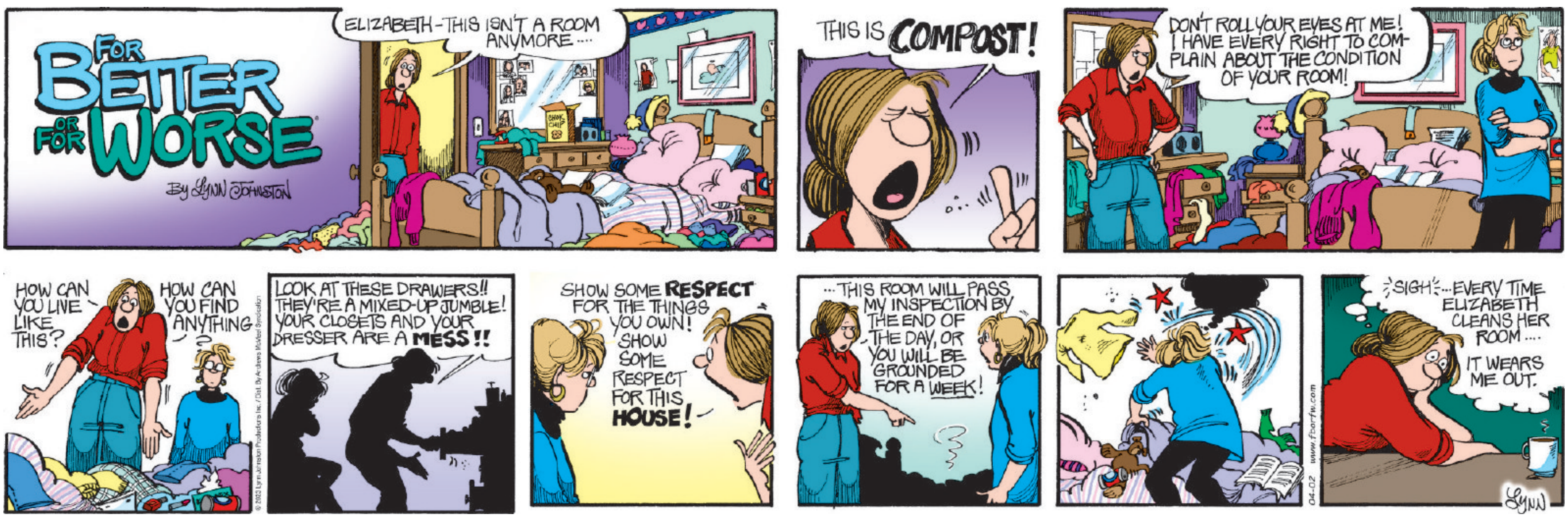
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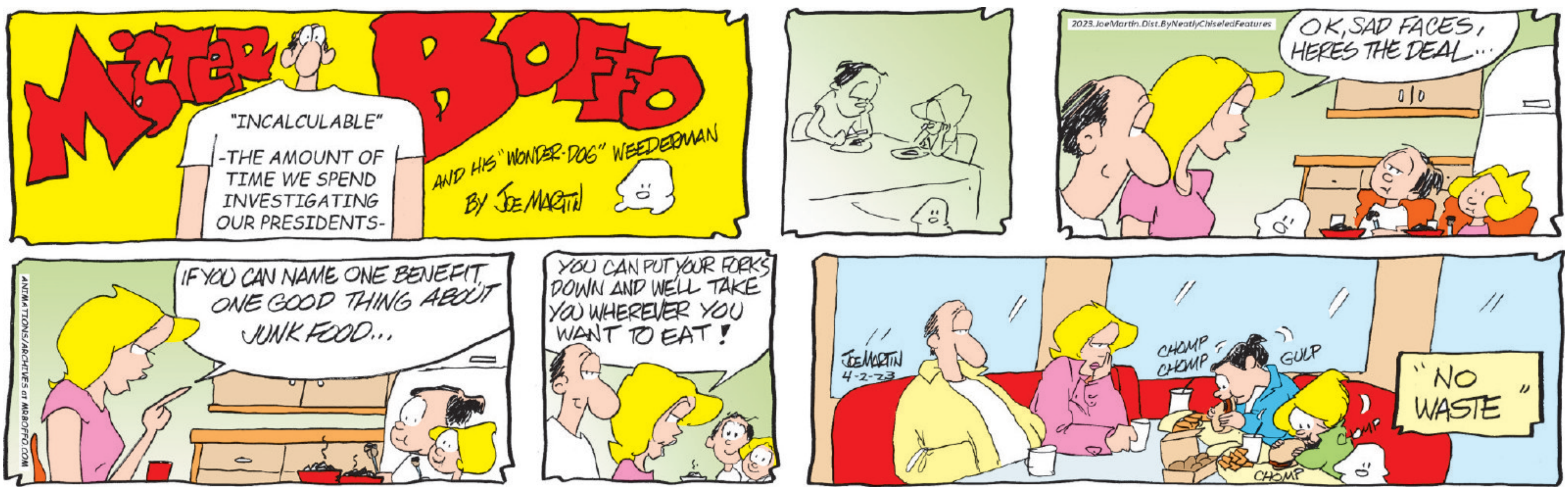
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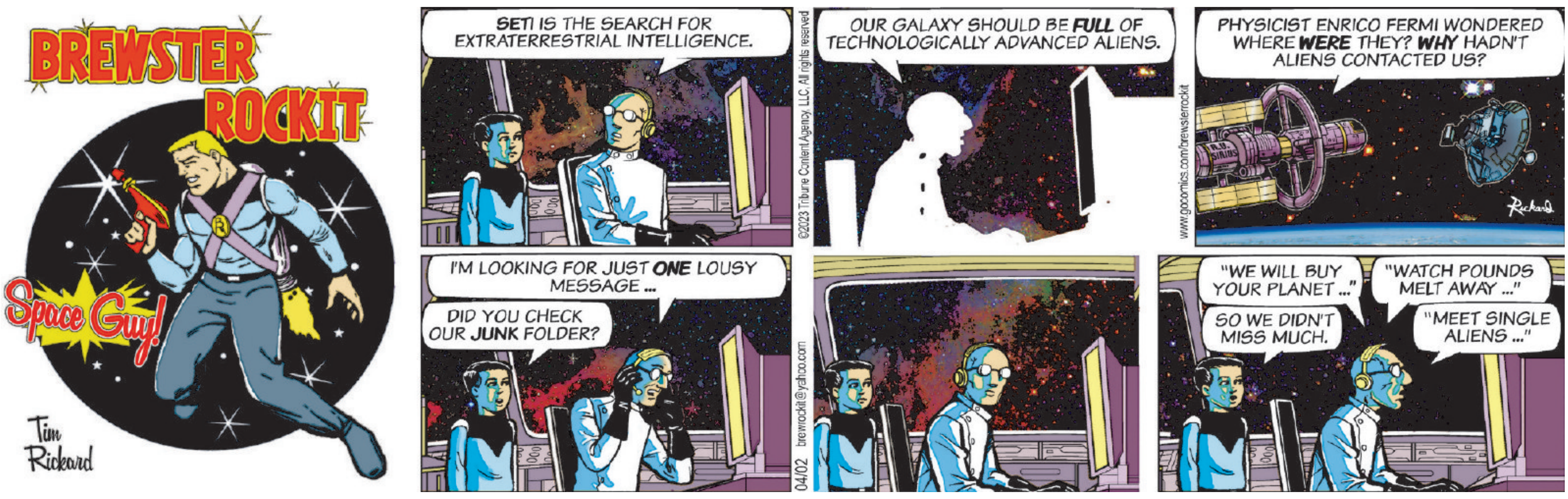
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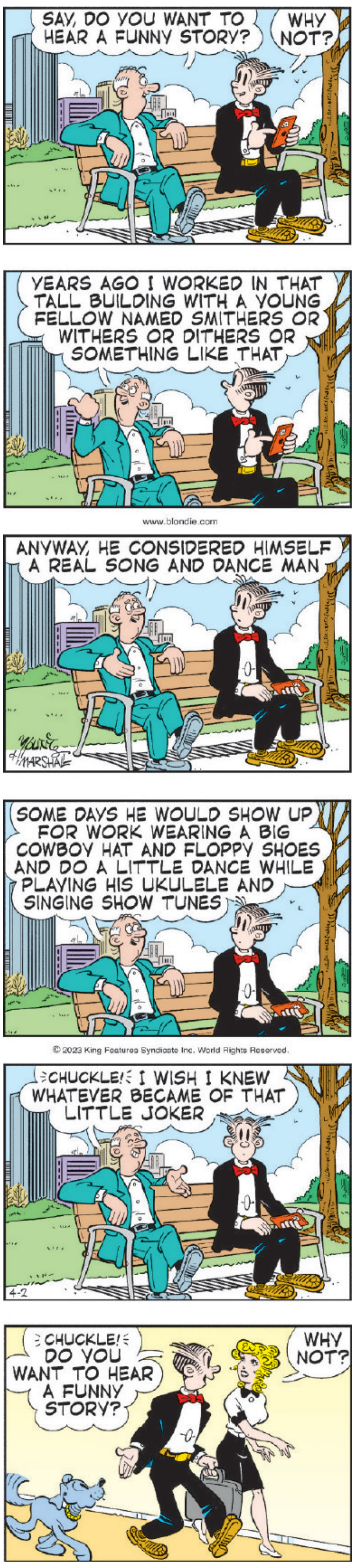
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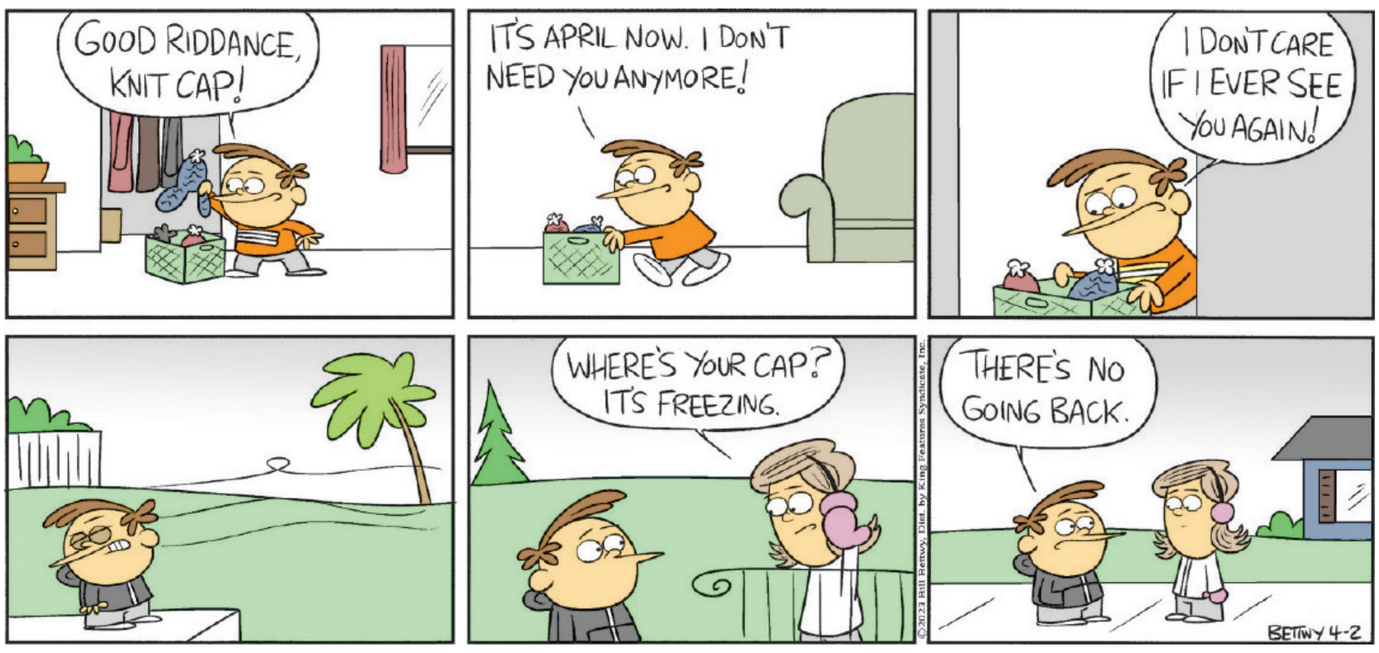
GOOD RIDDANCE, KNIT CAP!
IT'S APRIL NOW. I DON'T NEED YOU ANYMORE!
I DON'T CARE IF I EVER SEE YOU AGAIN!
WHERE'S YOUR CAP? IT'S FREEZING.
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THERE'S NO GOING BACK.
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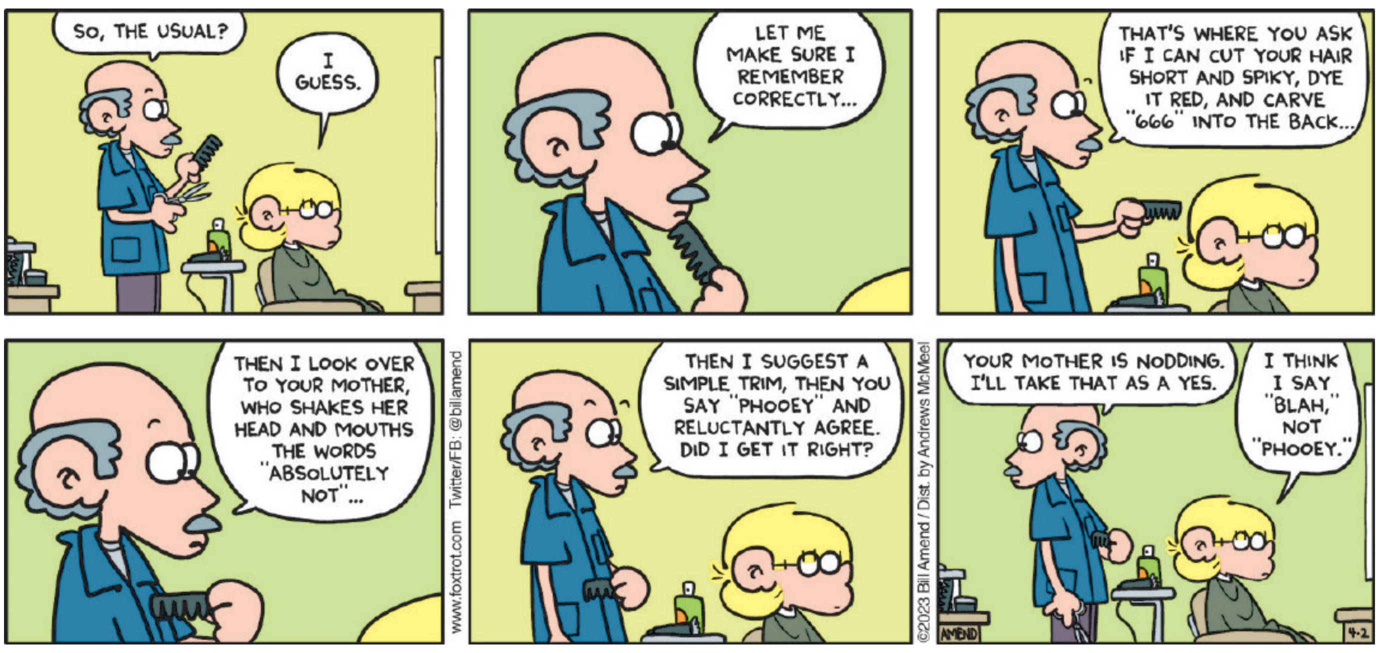
FoxTrot By Bill Amend


SO, THE USUAL?
I GUESS.
LET ME MAKE SURE I REMEMBER CORRECTLY...
THAT'S WHERE YOU ASK IF I CAN CUT YOUR HAIR SHORT AND SPIKY, DYE IT RED, AND CARVE "666" INTO THE BACK...
THEN I LOOK OVER TO YOUR MOTHER, WHO SHAKES HER HEAD AND MOUTHS THE WORDS "ABSOLUTELY NOT"...
www.foxtrot.com Twitter/FB: @billamend
THEN I SUGGEST A SIMPLE TRIM, THEN YOU SAY "PHOOEY" AND RELUCTANTLY AGREE. DID I GET IT RIGHT?
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YOUR MOTHER IS NODDING. I'LL TAKE THAT AS A YES.
I THINK I SAY "BLAH," NOT "PHOOEY."
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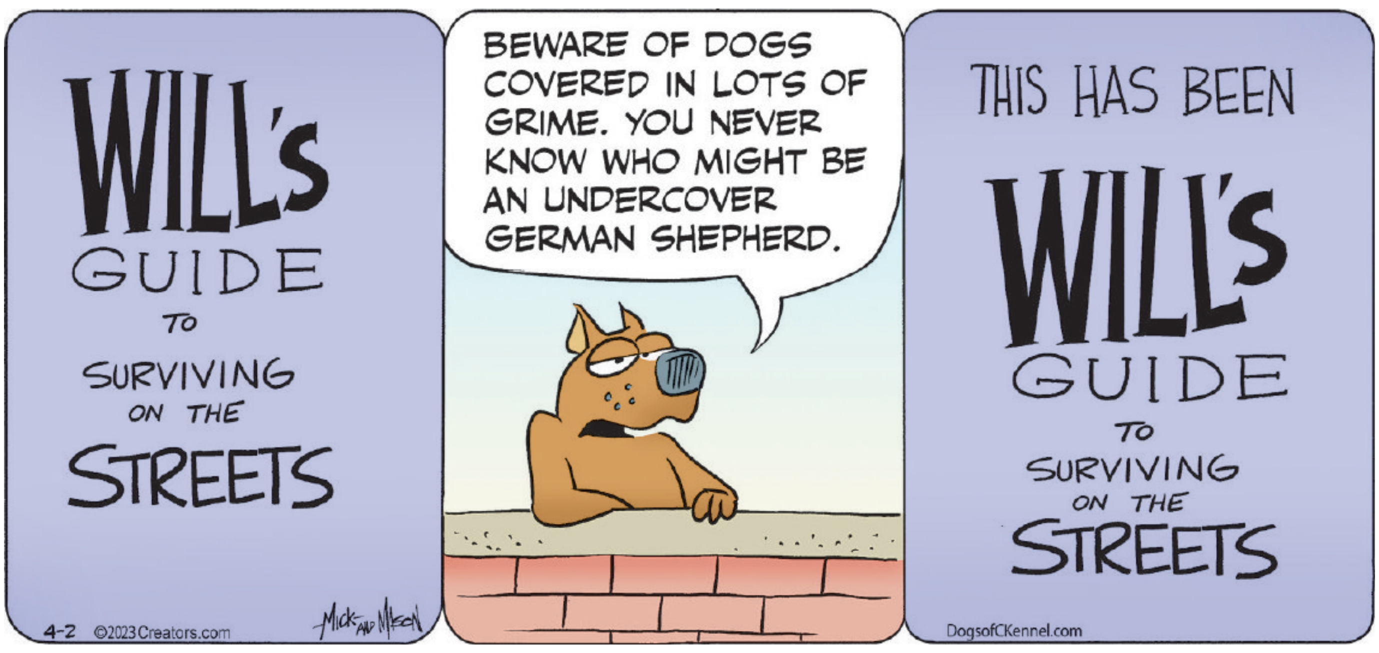
Dogs of C-Kennel By Mick and Mason Mastroianni


WILL'S GUIDE TO SURVIVING ON THE STREETS
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MICK AND MASON
BEWARE OF DOGS COVERED IN LOTS OF GRIME. YOU NEVER KNOW WHO MIGHT BE AN UNDERCOVER GERMAN SHEPHERD.
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STATES' PLATES: Provinces, too

By Billie Trultt | Edited by Stanley Newman
(stanxwords.com)

Across
1 Wide city sts.
5 Pays heed to
10 Eur. region
15 Beanstalk boy
19 Home repair pro Bob
20 Duo times four
21 Health care pro
22 Look at impolitely
23 In excess of
24 Chess side
25 Bassoon cousins
26 Donkey sound
27 "Canada's Ocean Playground"
29 "America's Dairyland"
31 Oldies group __ Na Na
32 Pass, as time
34 China's Chou En-__
35 Elevated ballet position
40 *How __ Your Mother*
41 Dawn-to-dusk period
45 "Wild, Wonderful"
47 Figured out
48 Earthbound birds
49 Diva's showpiece
50 Extremely eager
51 Filleted
53 Mar.-to-Nov. hours
54 CPA's entries
55 Euphoria
57 "Peace Garden State"
60 Place for a swim meet
61 Cab Calloway catchphrase
62 Monet contemporary
63 Literary coda
66 Sundae selections
68 Area of influence
69 Insider's vocabulary
70 Padded envelope
71 Subsequently
72 "Great Faces, Great Places"
74 Composer Copland
76 '90s "Awesome!"
79 Craft beer designation
80 Wail of warning
81 Auto from Bavaria
82 Casting assignment
83 Hawaii's state bird
85 Title Ringo received in '18
86 "Land of Living Skies"
90 Dad's dad
92 Fa followers
93 "Level with me"
94 Hair gel, for instance
95 Tree sometimes called "slippery"
97 Consist of
98 "Sportsman's Paradise"
101 "Evergreen State"
107 Medium for medicine
108 Music licensing org.
109 A son of Jacob
110 Attendant
111 Coral ridge
112 Deceive
113 "Now __ talking!"
114 Poor grades
115 Figure (out)
116 Throat ailment
117 Golf great Sam
118 Prefix for while

Down
1 The Bard's river
2 Lively, in music
3 "Welcome to" sign abbr.
4 Florida city
5 "Why should you expect that of me?"
6 Sound rebound
7 Battling
8 Knot again
9 Thievery
10 Stir-fry veggie
11 Picasso, for a while
12 Popped up
13 Tiny fraction of a min.
14 With no one around
15 Workplace
16 Prefix for culture
17 Extended family
18 Vital
28 Thug's knife
30 Thumbs-down vote
33 Male friend from Montreal
35 Actor McGregor
36 Roman tyrant
37 Trident-shaped letters
38 Fall behind
39 Brunch fare
41 Hawaiian singer
42 "That's it for me!"
43 Assemble, as troops
44 Home with large grounds
46 What Macs run on
47 Some black-clad teens
51 Title in Uncle Remus stories
52 Get wet
55 Diner seating
56 Captain's journal
57 Olay alternative
58 Distinctive aroma
59 Madeline of *Blazing Saddles*
60 Story line
61 Sentry's shout
63 Letting up
64 Well-mannered
65 Chameleon cousin
66 Charlatan
67 Big cat
68 HBO rival
70 *The Sound of Music* heroine
71 Overused, as a phrase
73 Kitchen conveniences
74 Diving seabird
75 Very little bit
76 T. __ Price (investment firm)
77 "It's a pity"
78 Bumper mishap
81 Letter sign-off
82 Turncoat
84 Swallows up
86 Fizzy drink
87 Part of 79 Across
88 Presided over
89 Road warning
91 "And how!"
92 House on the Hill
95 Fast car
96 Stoneworker
98 (In) place (of)
99 Spanish cheers
100 "Can that be?"
102 Actress Elisabeth
103 Olympian queen
104 Stadium level
105 Praiseful poems
106 Squirrel's home
107 Former telephone trio

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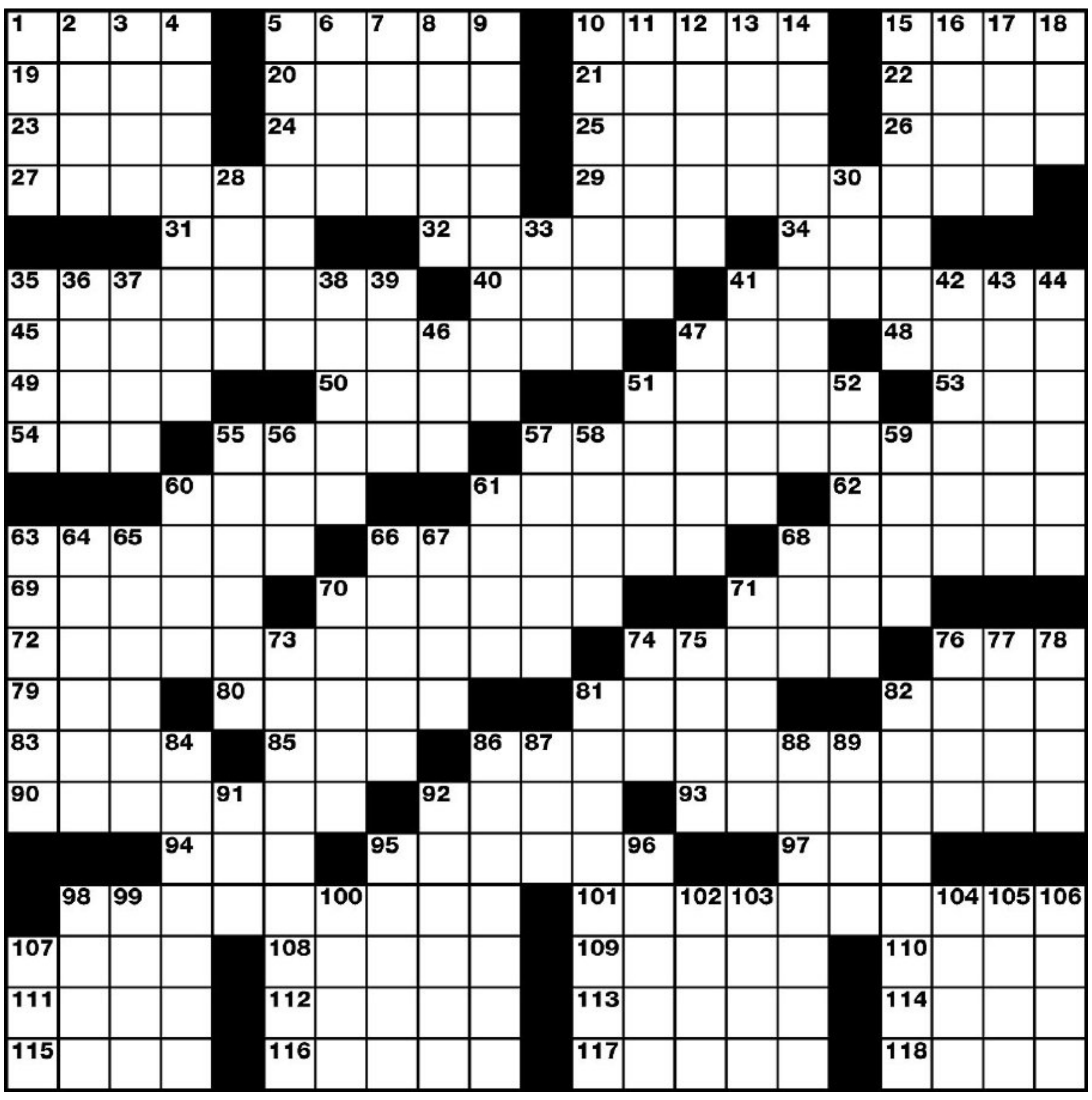

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Sound Bites

By Pam Amick Klawitter
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Across
1 Go against
5 Faction
9 Mesoamerican pyramid builders
14 Cozy room
17 Pelee Island's Great Lake
18 "Same here!"
19 "When the moon hits your eye" feeling
20 Dublin-born singer/activist
21 Traveling puppet show featuring talking melons?
24 Sign of aging
25 Add zest to, e.g.
26 Skipping school
27 One of 10 in Exodus
29 Org. with an elephant mascot
30 German gent
31 Squirt __
33 Hearth debris
34 Coffee vessel with a broken handle?
39 "Scat!"
41 H.H. Munro's pen name
42 Trauma ctrs.
43 "Anchors __": Navy fight song
45 Classic TV brand
48 Man of La Mancha
51 Mystery writer Nevada
53 Talk enthusiastically in a nerdy way
55 Chinese zodiac animal before the Ox
56 "Men never eat flaky pastry for brunch," e.g.?
59 Ringlet
60 D-Day fleet
61 Carol opener
62 Taj Mahal city
63 Remote hiding place?
66 Pay attention to
68 Colorful Hindu festival
71 Matthew of HBO's "Perry Mason"
72 Male deer
73 Media revenue source
77 Burden
79 "All right already!"
80 Result of an orchard's promotional deal with a bakery?
83 Former Fed chair Bernanke
86 Website known for feminist cultural criticism
88 Microwave alert
89 Competence in a specific field
91 United
92 Not on edge
94 Scouring pad brand
95 Goofs up
96 "Credit cards only"
98 Lobster soup that's a little too spicy?
103 Increase
105 One of the fam
107 Stunning defeat
108 Fish-to-be
109 Sings soothingly
111 Teahouse mat
113 Papier-mâché party item
116 Labyrinth
117 Rule for adding toppings to french fries?
121 Some sheep
122 Bath-loving Muppet
123 Striped stone
124 Objectives
125 Obj. of identity theft
126 Campus list-makers
127 Russian turndown
128 __ of yore

Down
1 Solstice mo.
2 Timeline units
3 __ print
4 One more time
5 Before long
6 School domain
7 Whirlybirds, for short
8 Earth, en español
9 Last name of acting sisters Rooney and Kate
10 Interspersed with
11 Video-sharing site
12 Abstract art pioneer Jean
13 Leak slowly
14 Unconventional spot for breadmaking?
15 Follow logically
16 Takes down
18 Sledding spot
20 Luca of "The Godfather"
22 Beginning on
23 Grounds crew concern
28 Wood-shaping tool
30 Metallic finish?
32 Pastoral sound
34 Cold War initials
35 California wine valley
36 32-card game
37 Cherry red
38 Some British peers
40 "A Death in the Family" Pulitzer winner James
44 Squirms
46 Last name of NBA brothers Steph and Seth
47 Map collection
49 Brightness stats?
50 Writer: Abbr.
51 Place to retire
52 Blackjack card
54 Some 1980s Chryslers
57 Called "Shotgun!," say
58 Corp. leader
60 Potato pancake
63 Manga made for adolescent girls
64 Like some chardonnay barrels
65 Box of donuts kept on ice?
67 __ de cologne
69 Novelist Erdrich
70 Still competing
74 Take turns?
75 Vigoda of "Fish"
76 __ service
78 4x4, briefly
80 Greek salad topper
81 Like non-oyster months, traditionally
82 Pull
83 Root beer eponym
84 Neutral tone
85 CNBC topic
87 Club ingredient
90 Zipped again
93 Sashimi fish
94 Lenny's pal on "Laverne & Shirley"
97 Native Nebraskans
99 Persia, today
100 "Not nice!"
101 Wedding party
102 Skye of "La Brea"
103 Capstones
104 Sketches
106 Nightie fabric
110 Zipped
112 Associations
113 Surname of two British prime ministers
114 "Queen Sugar" actress Lifford
115 Comedian Richter
118 Mine extraction
119 OPEC member
120 Tee preceder

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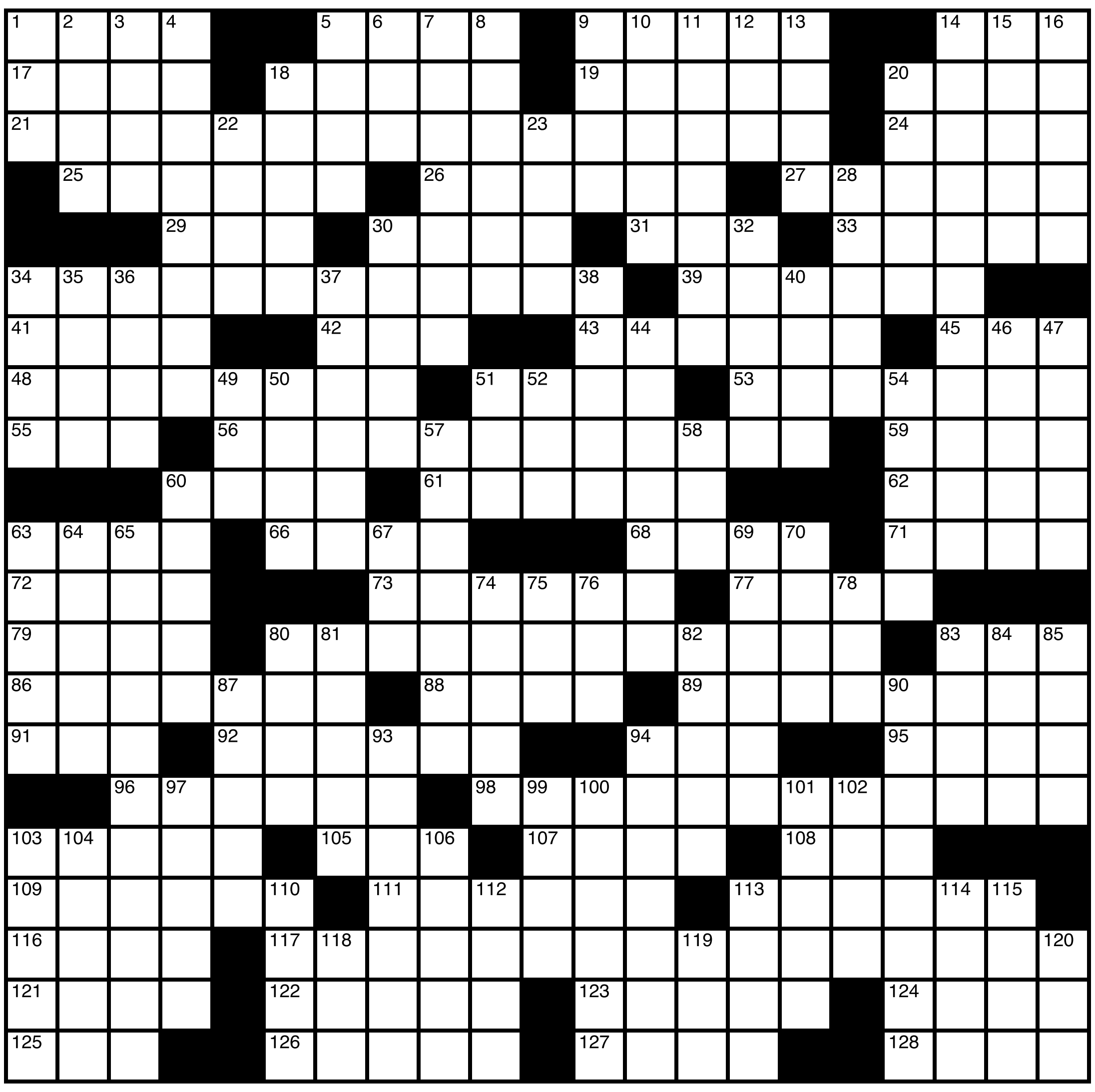

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Jumble

Unscramble the six Jumbles, one letter per square, to form six words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.

RAOURP
☐☐○☐○☐

ICAEPE
○☐☐○○☐

PELSNE
○☐○☐○☐

TNCIEE
○○☐☐☐○

BRYUGB
☐○☐○○☐

TANMUU
○☐☐☐○☐

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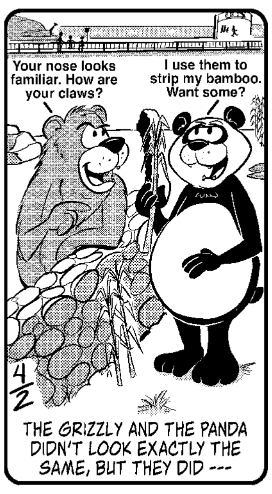

Your nose looks familiar. How are your claws?
I use them to strip my bamboo. Want some?
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THE GRIZZLY AND THE PANDA DIDN'T LOOK EXACTLY THE SAME, BUT THEY DID ---

PRINT YOUR ANSWER IN THE CIRCLES BELOW

○○○○○ ○ ○○○○○○○○○○○

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Sudoku

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Level: 1 2 **3** 4

							8	
		2						3
3	6	8	1				2	9
			4		3		1	
	3			5			6	
	9		7		6			
1	2				4	7	3	6
8						4		
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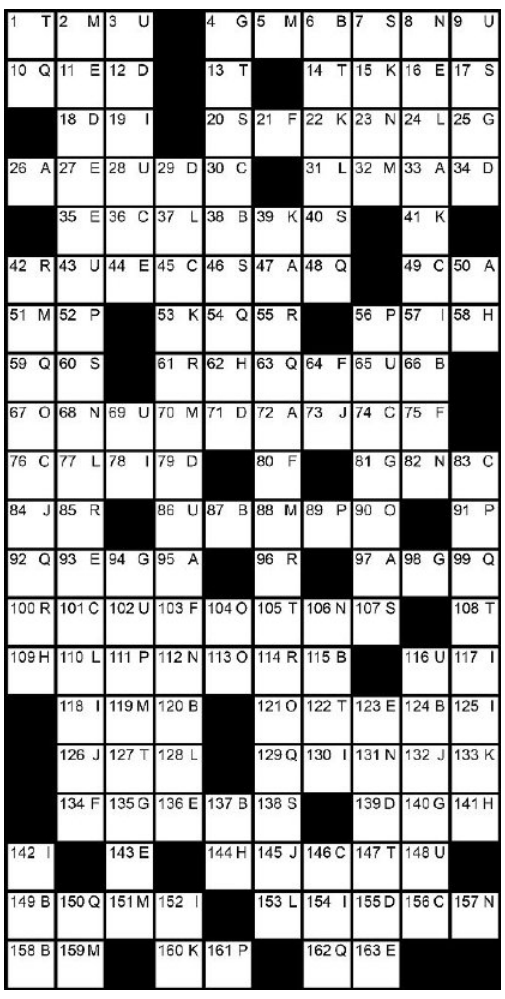
Quote-Acrostic

1. Define clues, writing in Words column over numbered dashes.
2. Transfer letters to numbered squares in diagram.
3. When pattern is completed, quotation can be read left to right. The first letters of the filled-in words reading down form an acrostic yielding the speaker's name and the topic of the quotation.

Clues	Words
A. Joy	47 95 33 50 97 26 72
B. Honest; reliable: 3 wds.	158 38 124 149 66 115 137 6 120 87
C. Redundant Washington city: 2 wds.	49 74 83 36 146 76 30 45 156 101
D. Reject; veto	12 29 71 155 79 34 18 139
E. Having many uses: hyph.	143 44 136 35 93 123 163 27 16 11
F. Uh-uh, sl.: 2 wds.	103 21 75 64 80 134
G. Make willing	4 140 81 25 135 94 98
H. Insurgent	58 62 144 109 141
I. Outrageous: 3 wds.	130 19 117 118 125 152 154 57 78 142
J. Valletta is its capital	73 126 145 132 84
K. Wear out	39 41 133 15 160 22 53
L. Rupudiate	128 77 153 37 110 24 31
M. Teeming: 2 wds.	88 151 32 2 5 159 70 51 119
N. Sullen mood: 2 wds.	106 8 157 68 131 23 82 112
O. Part of an act	113 67 104 121 90
P. Rah, rah, rah	91 52 111 56 89 161
Q. Unfit physically: 3 wds.	99 162 59 150 63 129 54 92 10 48
R. Gruesome	100 114 42 96 61 85 55
S. Portable cooler: 2 wds.	46 20 7 107 60 17 138 40
T. Sleep inducing	127 13 108 147 122 105 1 14
U. Make a maximum effort: 3 wds.	102 43 86 116 65 28 69 9 148 3



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Reverse Twist

By Charles Preston

Across

1 Person of power
6 Sexist party
10 Frosts
14 Slide over
15 Account
16 Something forbidden
17 NEDE pair
19 Vinegary
20 Patriotic gp.
21 Canvas cover
22 Portrayer of Washington
24 Chinese dumpling
26 Marine flyers
27 WI city
30 Lent
32 Pal of Andy
33 School segments
34 Gunslinger Masterson
37 Let go
40 Germfree
42 Finale
43 Civil War song
45 Essayist Lamb
46 Volcano on Kyushu
48 Libra sign
50 "Li'l" guy from Dogpatch
52 Brook
54 Auction participant
56 Deserve
57 Magnon prefix
60 Turkish title
61 Breakfast ERAF
64 Lampblack
65 Dueling sword
66 *Ecole* attendee
67 Diminutive ending
68 Edsel or Ernie
69 Temptress

Down

1 Require
2 Edison's middle name
3 Rathskeller order
4 Woody's ex-companion
5 US painter
6 Commence
7 Immature frog
8 In the manner of
9 Precious stones
10 Warrant
11 What SEVOD do
12 Harden
13 Out of ___: irritable
18 Borge, for one
23 Uptight
24 Sagacious
25 Eric the Red, *e.g.*
27 Uncommon
28 Final word
29 TECUAF labels
31 Qty.
33 Home of the Rangers
35 Falsehood
36 Social affairs
38 Dote on
39 Female family mem.
41 Rout
44 A whole number
47 Unperturbed
48 Antitoxins
49 Riviera resort
50 Shame
51 Intolerant one
53 Torn down, British style
55 Sailing hazard
57 Sonny's ex
58 Carry on
59 Portent
62 Official US publisher
63 551, to Marc Antony

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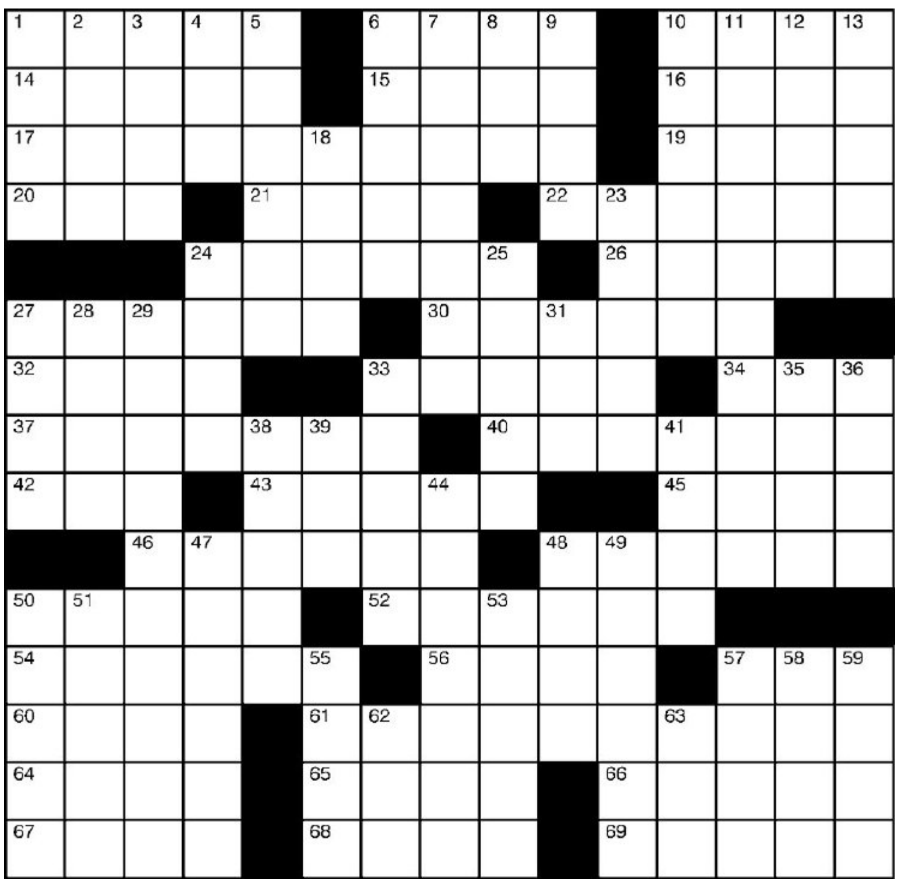

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Last week's crosswords

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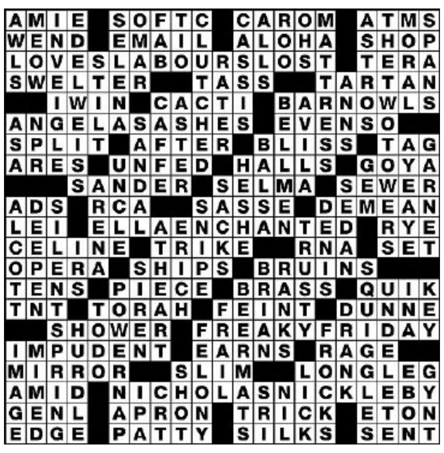

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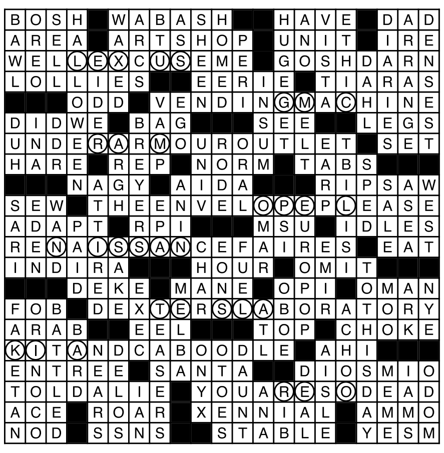

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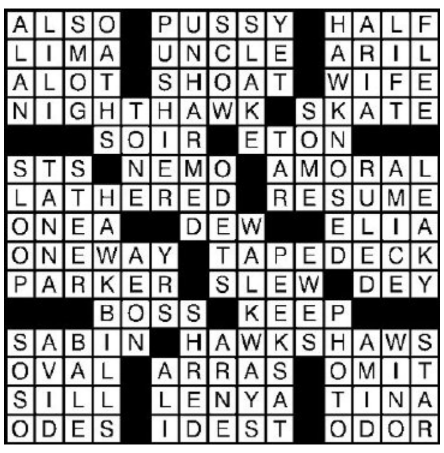

Last week's Quote-Acrostic

J(ason) GAY: (The) COSTS OF WORKING OUT: Guys who've taken their boutique fitness plunge become different humans. Virgin diets. Beef jerky, not nachos. Pizza on cauliflower crust. Men recoil from bread baskets like they're plates of bloody eyeballs.

Last week's Sudoku

5	6	7	1	4	3	2	8	9
9	2	4	5	8	7	1	3	6
1	8	3	2	9	6	4	7	5
6	7	2	4	3	8	9	5	1
8	4	1	6	5	9	3	2	7
3	5	9	7	1	2	6	4	8
2	9	8	3	6	5	7	1	4
7	1	5	9	2	4	8	6	3
4	3	6	8	7	1	5	9	2

This week's Jumble

UPROAR SPLEEN GRUBBY
APIECE ENTICE AUTUMN

The grizzly and the panda didn't look exactly the same, but they did —

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Horoscopes

Today's birthday (April 2): Personal growth expands possibilities this year. Realize an inspiring vision with dedication, planning and organization. Spring brings personal breakthroughs, adapting shared accounts for summer changes. Autumn collaboration, partnership and romance inspires surmounting a winter financial challenge. Go for the gold and surpass your own expectations.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is a 9. Pick up the pace. Enjoy beautiful conditions. Take regular breaks, and avoid distractions. Choose stability over illusion. Restore it with good food and rest.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 8. Let your heart lead. Express your care with reliable action. You're clear about what's important. Don't take things so seriously. Relax and have fun.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 7. Positive results energize your efforts. Reinforce basic household infrastructure. Discuss possibilities with housemates and align on changes. Cook something wonderful to share with family.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 8. Focus on practical correspondence and communications. Keep your finger on the heart pulse. Write about dreams, visions and possibilities. Edit and refine for elegance.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 9. Keep lucrative gears in motion. Provide excellent products or services. Quick action can net an extra prize. Maintain positive cash flow with steady efforts.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 9. Advance a personal dream. Gain strength and options. Discover creative possibilities everywhere. Indulge your passions, obsessions and fascinations. Keep moving forward.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 7. You're especially sensitive. It's temporary. Transitions lead to improvements. Peaceful privacy soothes. Envision perfection. Plan, organize and coordinate to realize a long-term dream.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Support team efforts without engaging in gossip or controversy. What you need can be found. Share experiences and views for a wider picture.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Imagine exciting career possibilities. Rediscover an aspect of your work that you love. Visualize fantastic success. Friends provide an extra boost. Advance your ideas.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 9. Explore another angle. Travel through books or films. Stay connected with friends and allies. Open your eyes to new perspectives, possibilities and opportunities.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 9. Stick to the high road, especially where money is concerned. Explore the background context. Manage paperwork, taxes or legal affairs. Contribute to grow resources.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 8. Manage deadlines, together. Express your feelings with your partner. Love, beauty and passion deepen and grow.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

Bridge

Q.1—Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ A J 5 ♥ A 8 2 ♦ A K 10 9 5 ♣ A J

West	North	East	South
1♥	Pass	2♠*	Dbl
3♣	Pass	Pass	3♦
3♥	Pass	Pass	?

***Weak**

What call would you make?

Q.2—North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ Q 8 6 ♥ 10 9 7 6 3 ♦ K 10 6 ♣ 6 5

Partner opens 1H and right-hand opponent doubles. What call would you make?

Q.3—East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ Q 9 8 7 5 4 ♥ 7 2 ♦ 8 5 ♣ 9 7 6

Partner opens 1D and right-hand opponent passes. What call would you make?

Q.4—Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ A K 6 ♥ A 6 5 2 ♦ K 8 5 ♣ 9 7 5

South	West	North	East
1♣	2♠	3♣	Pass
?			

What call would you make?

Answers in Monday's comics pages.

— Bob Jones, Tribune Content Agency

Word Game

This game challenges you to find as many words as you can, as quickly as you can, in one master word.

PUNDITS (PUN-ditz): Learned persons.

Can you find 17 or more words in PUNDITS?

Average mark: 14 words
Time limit: 30 minutes

Here are the rules:

1. Words must be four or more letters. 2. Words that acquire four letters by the addition of an "s," such as "bats" and "cats," are not used. 3. Use only one form of a verb — either "pose" or "posed," not both. 4. Proper nouns and slang terms are not used.

Answers to the word game:

pint; punt; unit; nudist; dint; dust; input; snip; snit; spin; spit; spud; spun; stud; stun; stupid; suit

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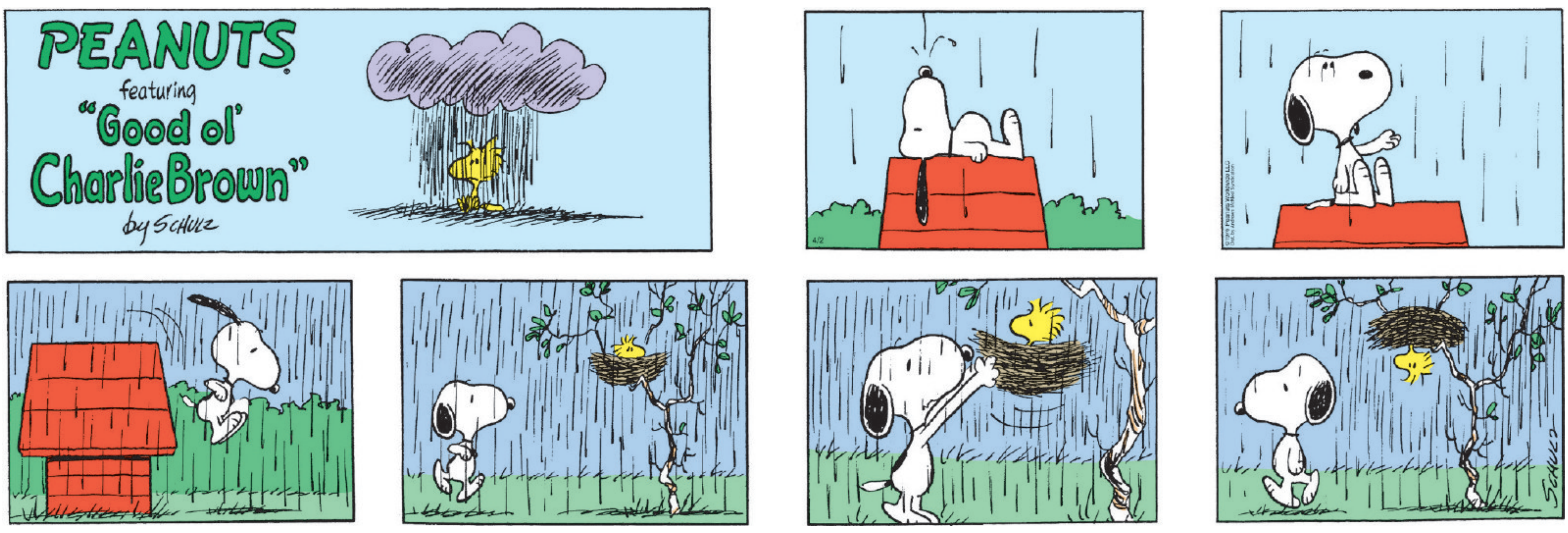
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featuring
"Good ol' Charlie Brown"
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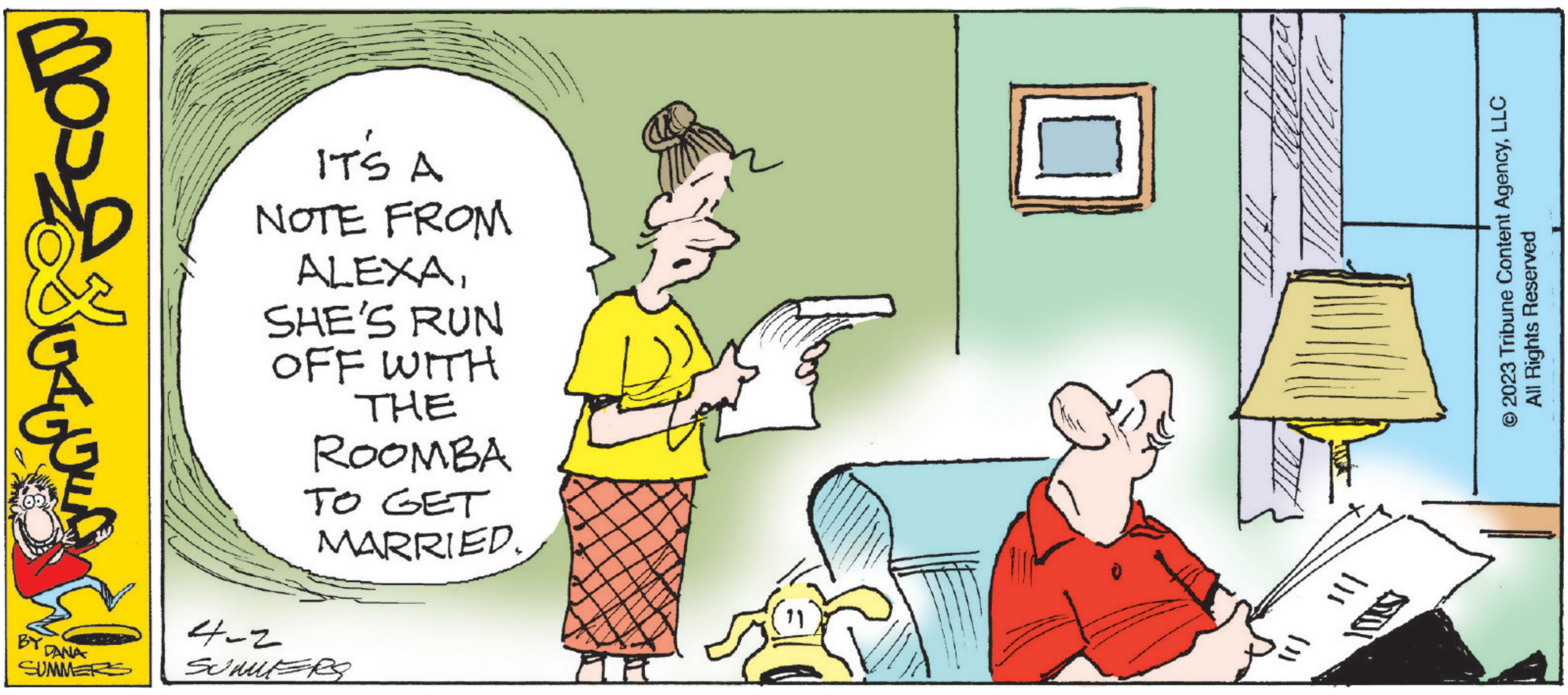
BOUND & GAGGED
BY DANA SUMMERS
IT'S A NOTE FROM ALEXA. SHE'S RUN OFF WITH THE ROOMBA TO GET MARRIED.
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SUMMERS
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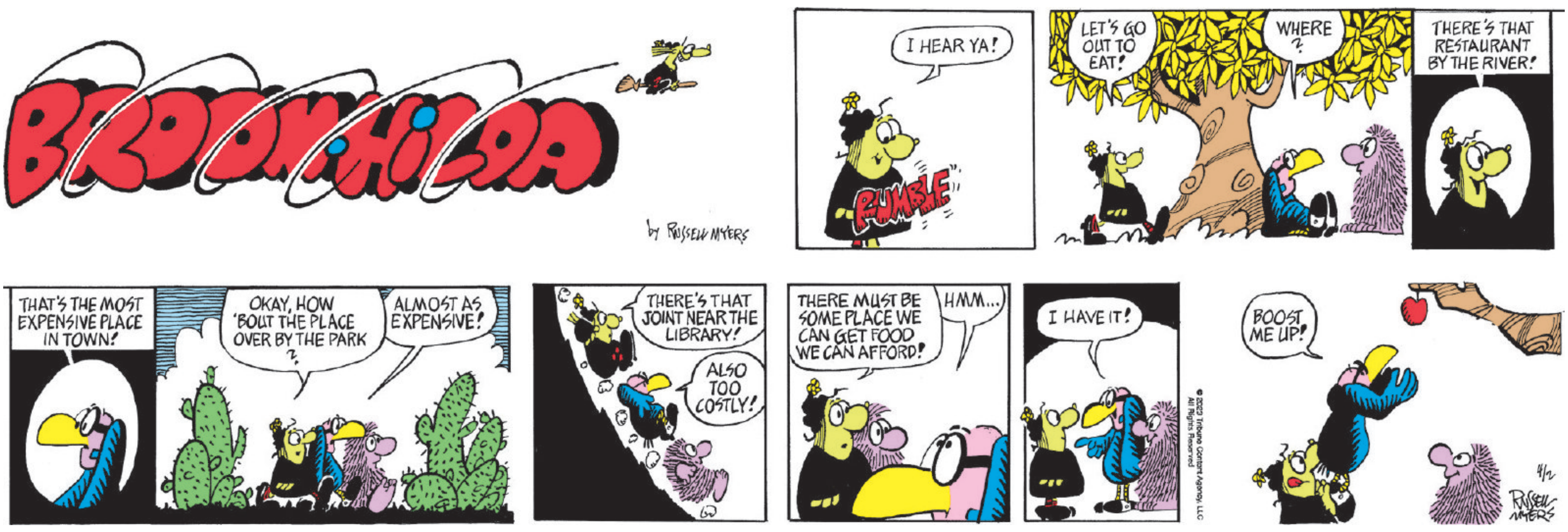
BROOM-HILDA
by RUSSELL MYERS
I HEAR YA!
RUMBLE
LET'S GO OUT TO EAT!
WHERE ?
THERE'S THAT RESTAURANT BY THE RIVER!
THAT'S THE MOST EXPENSIVE PLACE IN TOWN!
OKAY, HOW 'BOUT THE PLACE OVER BY THE PARK ?
ALMOST AS EXPENSIVE!
THERE'S THAT JOINT NEAR THE LIBRARY!
ALSO TOO COSTLY!
THERE MUST BE SOME PLACE WE CAN GET FOOD WE CAN AFFORD!
HMM...
I HAVE IT!
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BOOST ME UP!
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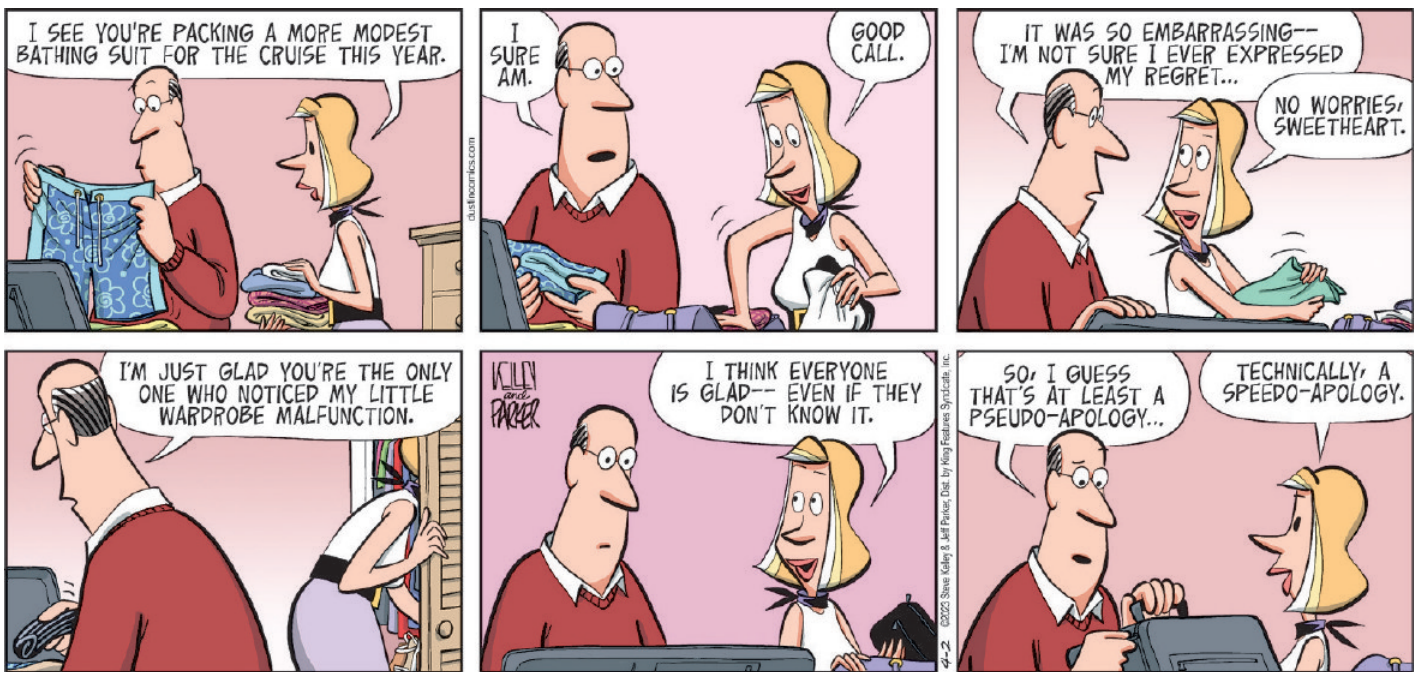
RUSSELL MYERS

Dustin By Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker


I SEE YOU'RE PACKING A MORE MODEST BATHING SUIT FOR THE CRUISE THIS YEAR.
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I SURE AM.
GOOD CALL.
IT WAS SO EMBARRASSING-- I'M NOT SURE I EVER EXPRESSED MY REGRET...
NO WORRIES, SWEETHEART.
I'M JUST GLAD YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO NOTICED MY LITTLE WARDROBE MALFUNCTION.
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I THINK EVERYONE IS GLAD-- EVEN IF THEY DON'T KNOW IT.
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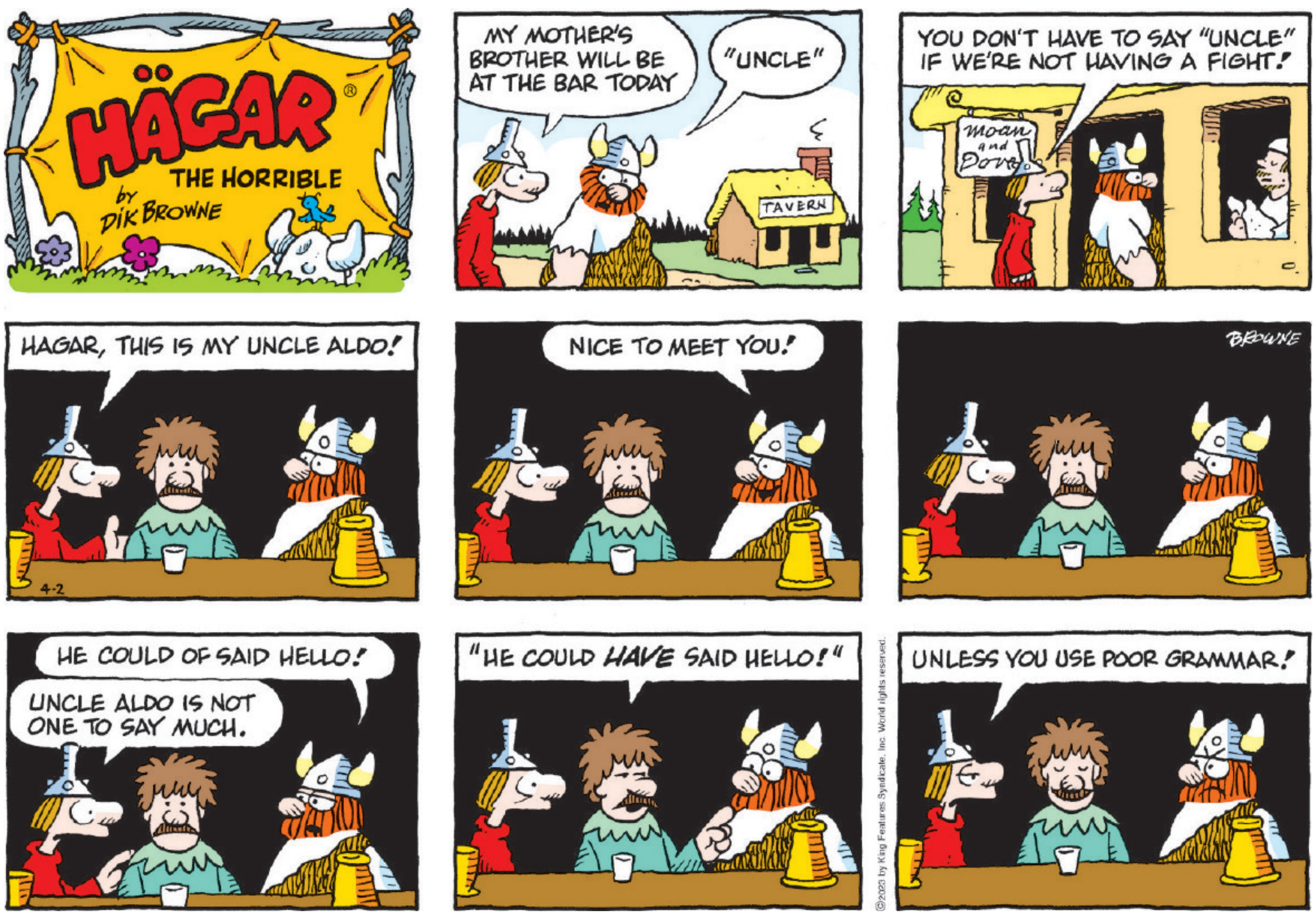
SO, I GUESS THAT'S AT LEAST A PSEUDO-APOLOGY...
TECHNICALLY, A SPEEDO-APOLOGY.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by DIK BROWNE
MY MOTHER'S BROTHER WILL BE AT THE BAR TODAY
"UNCLE"
TAVERN
YOU DON'T HAVE TO SAY "UNCLE" IF WE'RE NOT HAVING A FIGHT!
moan and Dove
HAGAR, THIS IS MY UNCLE ALDO!
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NICE TO MEET YOU!
BROWNE
HE COULD OF SAID HELLO!
UNCLE ALDO IS NOT ONE TO SAY MUCH.
"HE COULD HAVE SAID HELLO!"
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UNLESS YOU USE POOR GRAMMAR!

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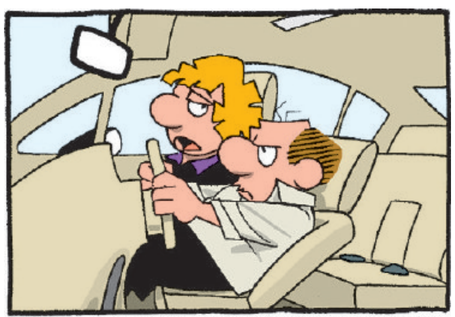
By Bunny Hoest and John Reiner



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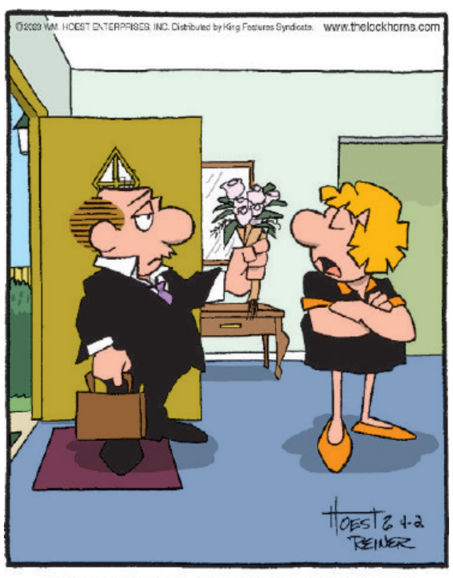
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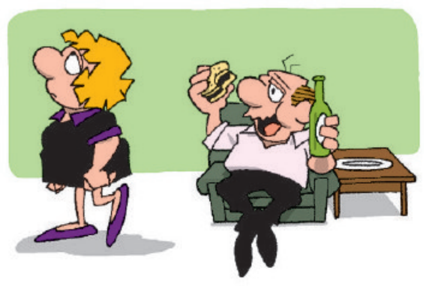

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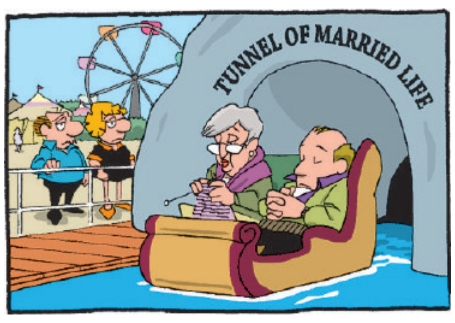
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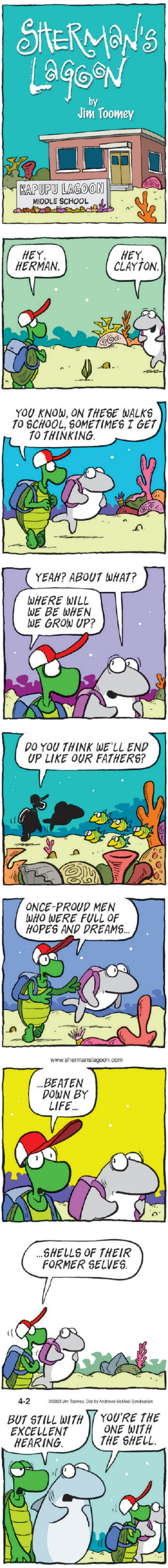
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by Jim Toomey
KAPUPU LAGOON MIDDLE SCHOOL
HEY, HERMAN.
HEY, CLAYTON.
YOU KNOW, ON THESE WALKS TO SCHOOL, SOMETIMES I GET TO THINKING.
YEAH? ABOUT WHAT?
WHERE WILL WE BE WHEN WE GROW UP?
DO YOU THINK WE'LL END UP LIKE OUR FATHERS?
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...BEATEN DOWN BY LIFE...
...SHELLS OF THEIR FORMER SELVES.
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YOU'RE THE ONE WITH THE SHELL.

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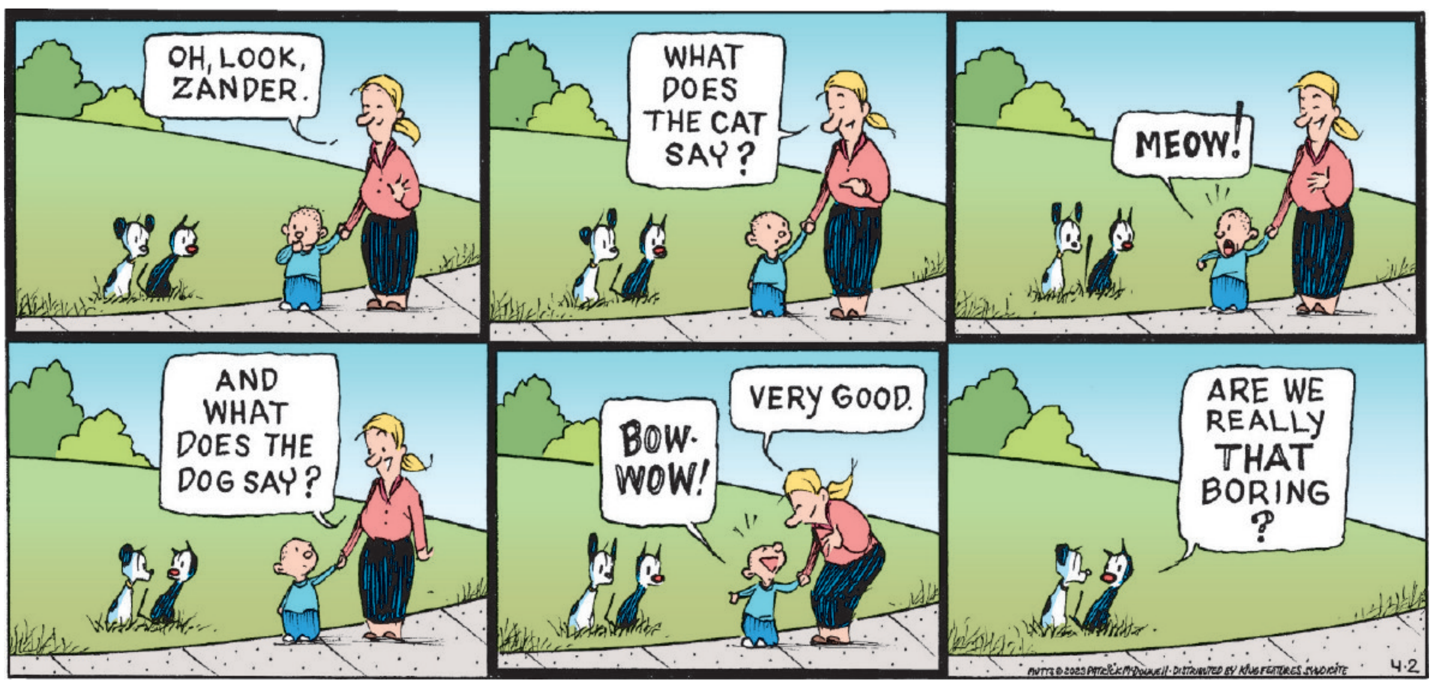
OH, LOOK, ZANDER.
WHAT DOES THE CAT SAY?
MEOW!
AND WHAT DOES THE DOG SAY?
BOW-WOW!
VERY GOOD.
ARE WE REALLY THAT BORING?
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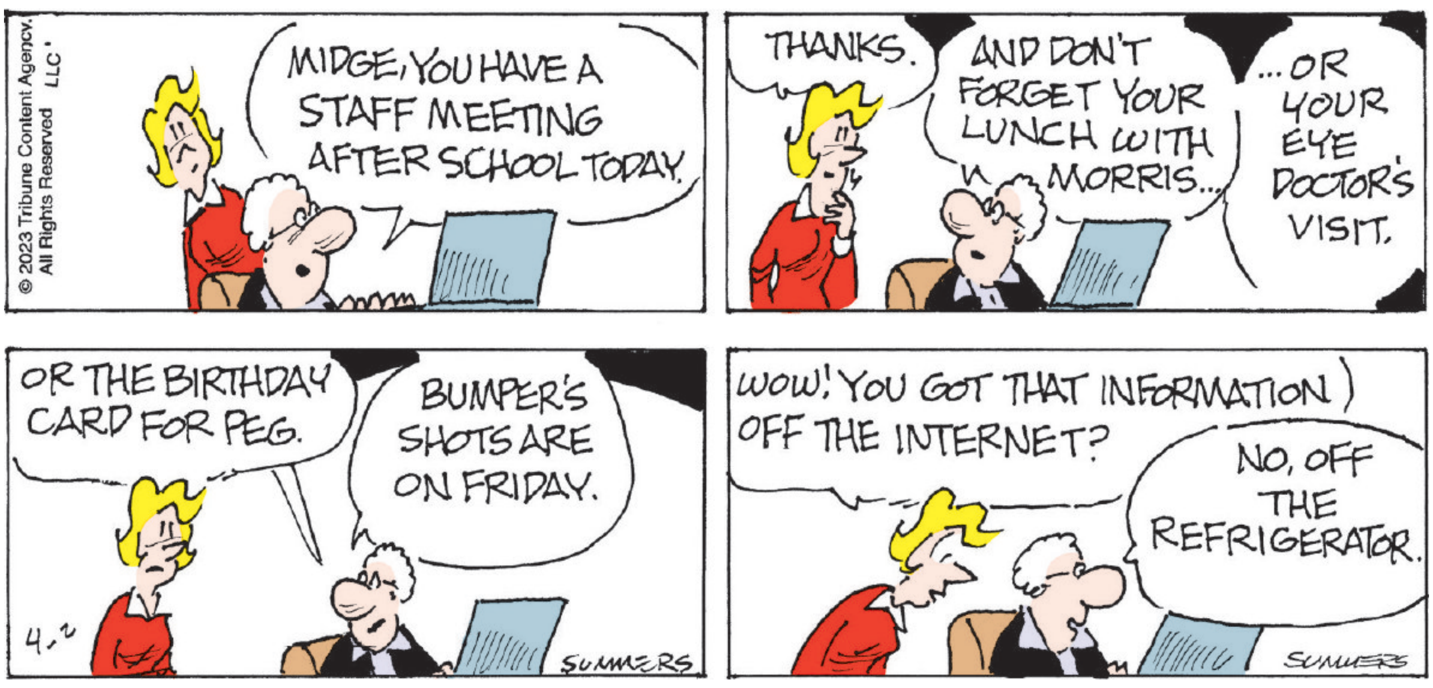
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MIDGE, YOU HAVE A STAFF MEETING AFTER SCHOOL TODAY.
THANKS.
AND DON'T FORGET YOUR LUNCH WITH MORRIS...
...OR YOUR EYE DOCTOR'S VISIT.
OR THE BIRTHDAY CARD FOR PEG.
BUMPER'S SHOTS ARE ON FRIDAY.
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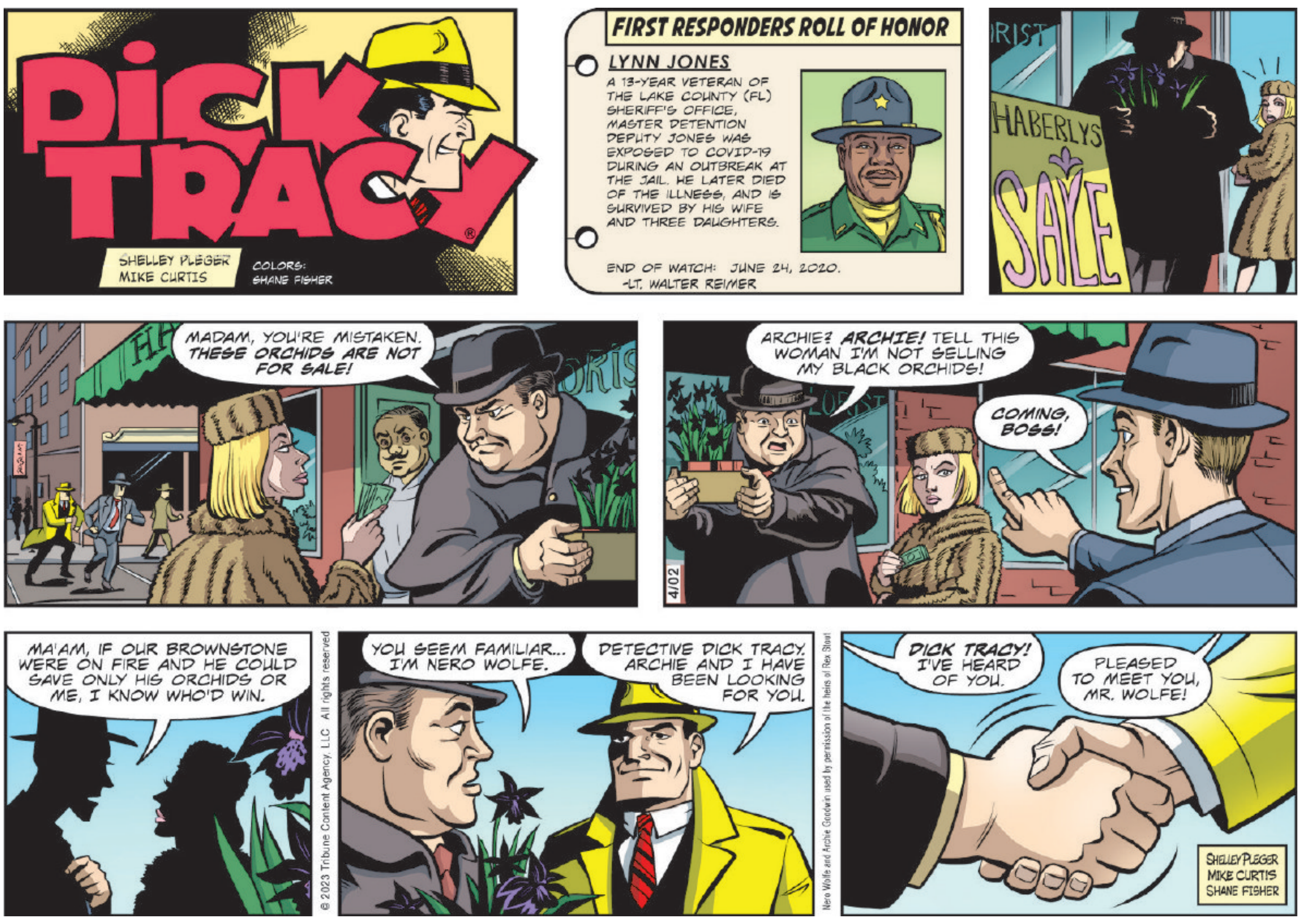
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HABERLYS
SALE
MADAM, YOU'RE MISTAKEN. THESE ORCHIDS ARE NOT FOR SALE!
ARCHIE? ARCHIE! TELL THIS WOMAN I'M NOT SELLING MY BLACK ORCHIDS!
COMING, BOSS!
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MA'AM, IF OUR BROWNSTONE WERE ON FIRE AND HE COULD SAVE ONLY HIS ORCHIDS OR ME, I KNOW WHO'D WIN.
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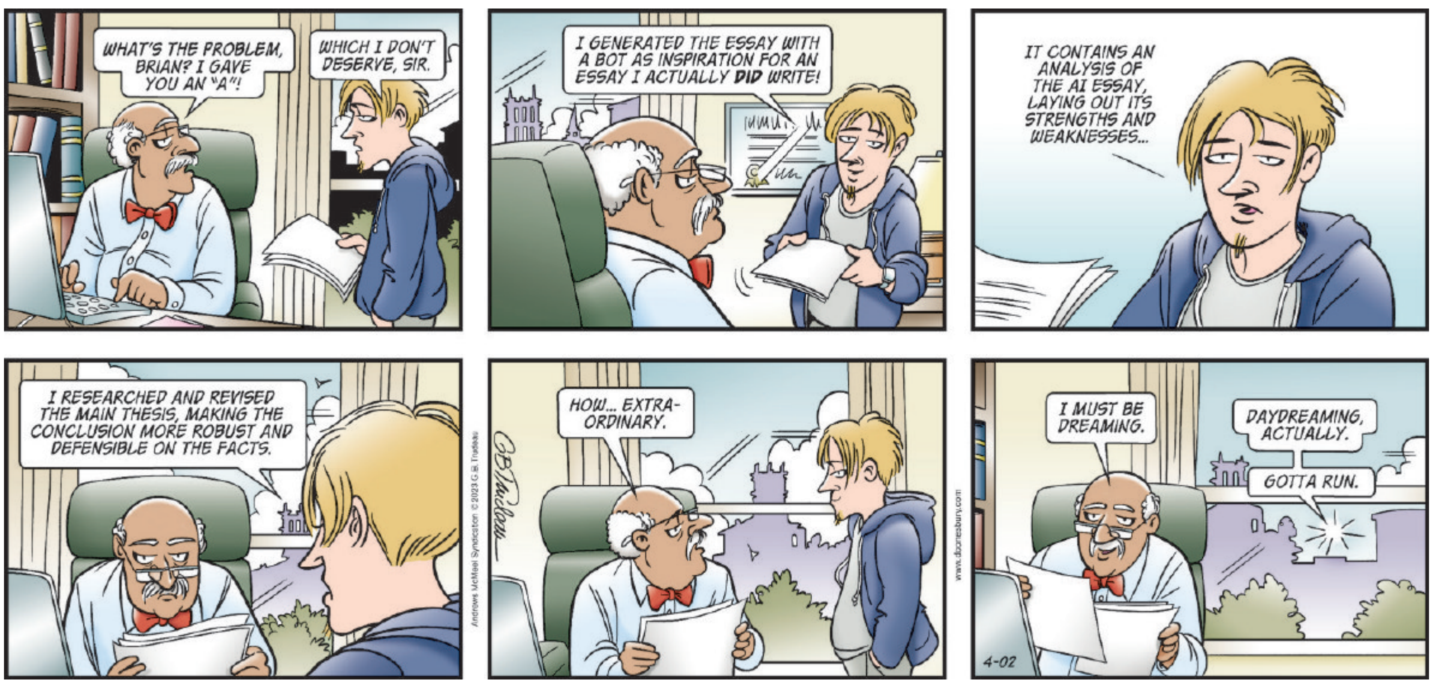
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I GENERATED THE ESSAY WITH A BOT AS INSPIRATION FOR AN ESSAY I ACTUALLY DID WRITE!
IT CONTAINS AN ANALYSIS OF THE AI ESSAY, LAYING OUT ITS STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES...
I RESEARCHED AND REVISED THE MAIN THESIS, MAKING THE CONCLUSION MORE ROBUST AND DEFENSIBLE ON THE FACTS.
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DAYDREAMING, ACTUALLY.
GOTTA RUN.
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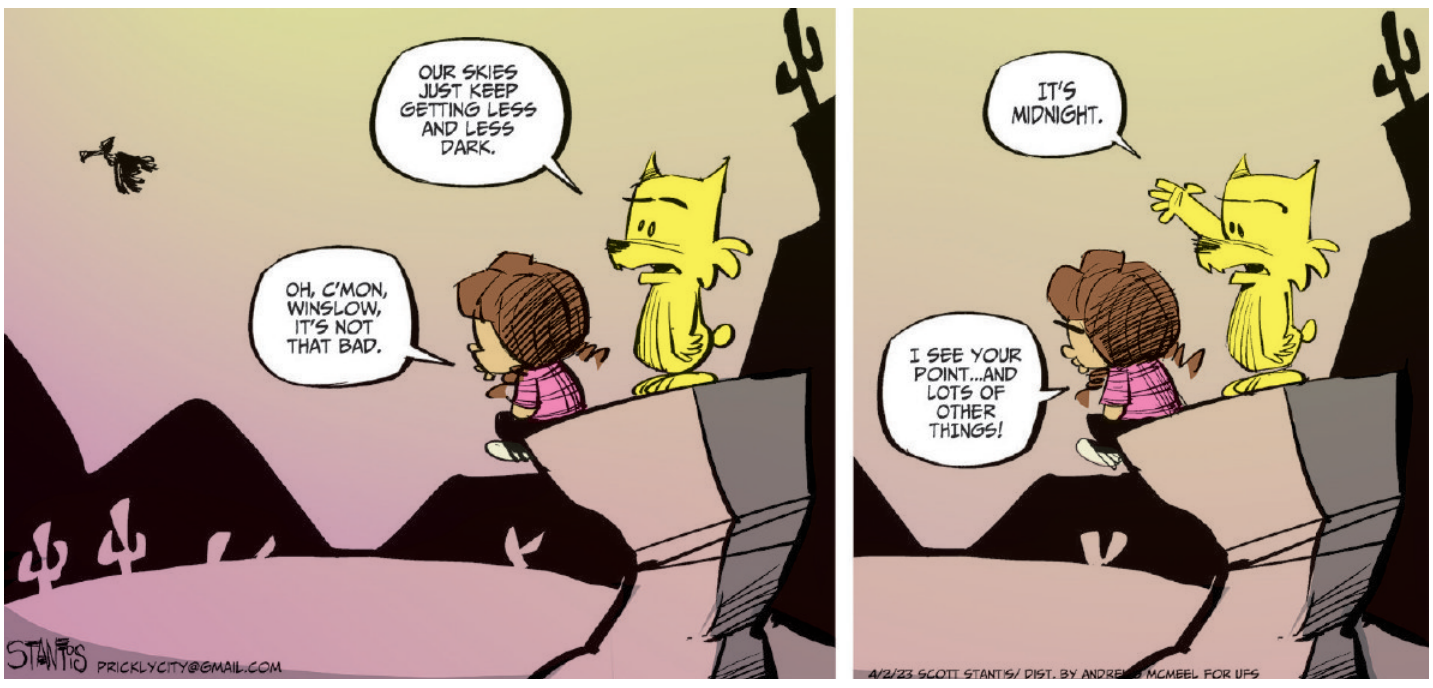
Prickly City By Scott Stantis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Kathryn Hahn

On channeling Cheryl Strayed, playing an evil Marvel witch and raising a family out of the limelight

> “I was going to be an actress; I knew it in my bones

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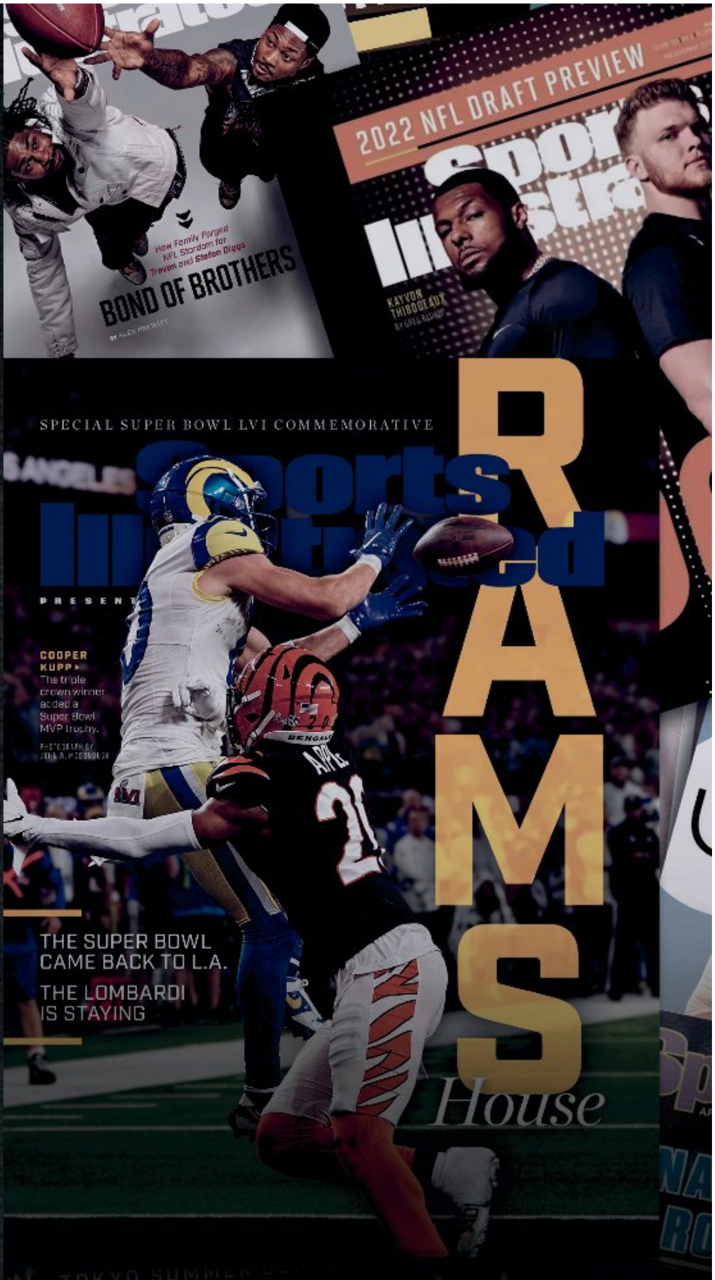
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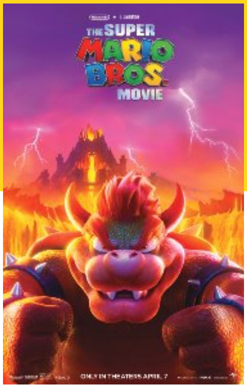
THE SUPER MARIO BROS. MOVIE
ONLY IN THEATERS APRIL 7

No tale about portly Italian plumber Mario would be complete without including his archnemesis Bowser, so, naturally, both animated characters will star in the action-adventure comedy ***The Super Mario Brothers Movie* (in theaters April 5)**, based on the Nintendo video game. Jack Black will voice Bowser, the fire-breathing leader of the turtle-like Koopa race, in this story about their journey through the Mushroom Kingdom. Chris Pratt will voice Mario. California-born Black, 53—who made his TV debut at age 13 with a commercial for the Atari game, Pitfall!, and played a character in the game-inspired *Jumanji* movies—seems perfect for Bowser. Here are a few fun facts about fun-loving Thomas Jacob "Jack" Black.

Black may not be a rocket scientist, but both of his parents—Judith Love Cohen and **Thomas William Black**—were NASA satellite engineers. He has said, "They're rocket scientists. I'm a rock 'n' roll scientist." His mother worked on the Hubble Space Telescope.

Black is half of the rock band **Tenacious D** alongside Kyle Gass, who taught Black to play guitar when he was 23 (in exchange for meals from Jack in the Box).

Go to *Parade.com/jack-black* to find out more about his rocky childhood and rise to fame.

He's a member of "The Frat Pack," a group of comedic actors that controlled the early 2000s. His fellow pack members are **Will Ferrell**, Ben Stiller, Vince Vaughn, Luke Wilson and Owen Wilson.

Black has two sons—**Tommy**, 14, and **Sammy**, 16—with artist/musician **Tanya Haden** (a triplet daughter of bassist Charlie Haden).

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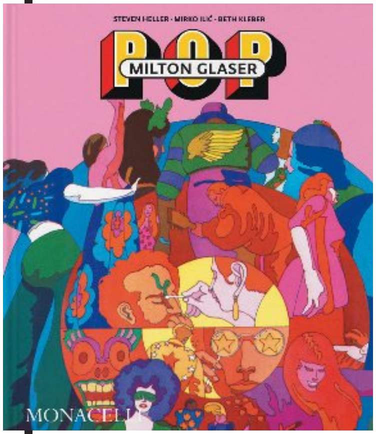

MILTON GLASER: POP

(MARCH 29)

This celebration of illustrator and designer Milton Glaser by Steven Heller, Marko Ilic and Beth Kelber concentrates on his work from the 1960s and '70s. One of the most well-known graphic designers of that era, Glaser created the I [heart] NY campaign (with the heart replacing the word "love") and cofounded *New York* magazine. "Milton Glaser's designs changed the way we see the world," says Gloria Steinem. "From books, record covers and magazines to I [heart] NY, he moved design from the elite to the Universal." **$64, amazon.com**

CMT MUSIC AWARDS

(APRIL 2 ON CBS)

Country stars **Kelsea Ballerini** and **Kane Brown** host this fan-based awards show, live from Austin, Tex. Carrie Underwood, Blake Shelton, Carly Pearce, Cody Johnson and Keith Urban (and many others) will perform.

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GREASE: RISE OF THE PINK LADIES

(APRIL 6 ON PARAMOUNT+)

Fans of *Grease* won't want to miss this prequel to the finger-snapping 1978 musical starring Oliva Newton-John and John Travolta. Set in 1954, four years before the events of the original story, these Pink Ladies are all new characters—four misfits trying to find their place in the complicated social hierarchy at Rydell High. The Pink Ladies clique is born!

PRETTY BABY: BROOKE SHIELDS

(APRIL 3 ON HULU)

In a new two-part documentary, *The Blue Lagoon* and *Endless Love* star **Brooke Shields**, 57, opens up for the first time about her earliest experiences and the sexual objectification she endured as a child actor in Hollywood to how she became a woman discovering her power.

pretty baby
BROOKE SHIELDS

Shields started young in showbiz: She was an infant in an Ivory soap TV commercial in 1966, and her career has had several highlights:

- She had her first lead role was in *Pretty Baby* at age 12.
- While filming *The Blue Lagoon* (1980), she had to have her hair glued to her breasts so nothing would show.
- In 1981, Time magazine's cover branded Shields as "The '80s Look."
- Between 1980 and 1985, she graced the covers of more than 300 magazines.
- Shields turned down many roles (*The Outsiders*, *The Breakfast Club*, *Pretty in Pink*) to go to Princeton.
- She graduated in 1987 with a degree in French Literature and a minor in Italian.
- Her role as Joey's stalker on *Friends* led to her own series, *Suddenly Susan* (1996-2000) followed by *Lipstick Jungle* (2008-2009).
- She's written two books: *Down Came the Rain: My Journey Through Postpartum Depression*, and *There Was a Little Girl*, about her relationship with her mother.

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SCHMIGADOON!

(APRIL 5 ON APPLE TV+)

Thomas Wolfe wrote *You Can't Go Home Again*, and that turns out to be true for Josh (**Keegan-Michael Key**) and Melissa (**Cecily Strong**) in Season 2 of *Schmigadoon!* The couple, who fell in love in the idyllic, sorbet-colored town of musicals, are now disillusioned with their lives back in New York and decide to return to Schmigadoon! in search of happiness. Unfortunately, their hunt proves futile and they wind up in Schmicago, which is darker, grittier and more dangerous. Instead of a land of lighthearted romps, they're confronted with *Cabaret*, *Godspell*, *Dreamgirls* and other iconic musicals from the '60s, '70s and early '80s.

"These musicals were darker," says Strong, 39, who, in addition to playing Melissa, also serves as a producer on the series. "We're out of that pastel, big smile land [of season one], and it's sexier, smokier and boozier. Melissa doesn't know these musicals quite as well, so she's less aware of what's going to happen and right away she's at the whim of others' direction."

Those "others" are played by familiar faces—Kristin Chenoweth, Jane Krakowski, Ariana DeBose, Aaron Tveit, Alan Cumming and Martin Short, among others—but as different characters, so in keeping with the grittier feel of season two, they're playing showgirls in the hottest cabaret in town, a vengeful butcher, crooked lawyers, shady cops and hippies.

But in the one similarity to season one, Josh and Melissa can't cross back over the bridge to return home until they can find a "happy ending."

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(APRIL 4-18 ON BLU-RAY)

Warner Bros Studio is celebrating its 100th anniversary with the release of 4K UHD Blu-rays of some of movie lovers' favorite films. Fans can get their hands on *Cool Hand Luke* and ***The Maltese Falcon*** on April 4, and *Rebel Without a Cause* on April 18. **$25 each, amazon.com**

AIR

(APRIL 5 IN THEATERS)

Matt Damon and **Ben Affleck** are together again in the '80s-set movie *Air*, the story of the unbelievable game-changing partnership between then-rookie Michael Jordan and Nike's fledgling basketball division. It is a partnership that changed the world of sports marketing and athletic footwear with the creation of the Air Jordan brand. Affleck, 50, directs and stars as Nike cofounder Phil Knight with Damon, 52, playing then-Nike executive Sonny Vaccaro. Affleck is betting the story isn't going to just be of interest to basketball fans: "I liked that it was a story about people aspiring to something and each of them struggling, and it felt very real, but also felt like an opportunity for humor, pathos, passion and meaning."

CHUPA

(APRIL 7 ON NETFLIX)

The team that brought us *Harry Potter & the Sorcer's Stone* is back with another family-friendly fantasy adventure. This one is set in Mexico where a lonely young visitor (**Evan Whitten**) finds a mythical creature hiding in his grandpa's shed.

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WALTER SCOTT'S

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WALTER SCOTT ASKS...

OLIVIA COLMAN

Great Expectations, streaming on Hulu, is the retelling of the Charles Dickens coming-of-age story about the orphan Pip (Fionn Whitehead) who is thrust into high society. The limited series stars award-winning Colman (*The Favourite*, *The Crown*) as Miss Havisham. Colman, 49, will be in *Wonka* and *Wicked Little Letters* later this year.

Were you a fan of the Charles Dickens book? I had never read *Great Expectations*. I'd seen adaptations on the telly before so I knew roughly who Miss Havisham was and I thought, *Oh, she sounds great. I'd love to get my teeth into her.* [The opportunity] came on the back of quite a long run of work, so I was a bit, *Aw, I really need a break*, but I couldn't say no.

Would you consider Miss Havisham to be a feminist? She does try to help Estella [her ward; Shalom Brune-Franklin] learn how to navigate the world. I suppose so, but my idea of feminism is equality, not hatred. She says, "In a marriage, you're the winner if you're not the one that loves." So, in a way, she was ahead of her time and determined not to need men, but it's not how I see feminism. She's forceful and scary, but I'm not sure any of those things are flattering towards feminists. I know plenty of men who are feminists as well and it's about equality and thoughtfulness and caring, I think.

Did you relate to Miss Havisham at all? I didn't find much personally to connect with. Other than I know what it's like to love, and I know the pain she must've felt when that fell apart. I mean, if she'd had a good therapist (laughs)—maybe she'd have a very different life. Or just a chum, a good friend. I feel sad that Miss Havisham managed not to meet any really good, nice men and she missed out on what could have been. But those days were really full-on patriarchy; [women] were stuck, they couldn't work, couldn't do anything. So, it was going to have to be marriage, and her only insight into marriage was horrendous.

The show gets into the idea of dreams being crushed. Was it always your dream to be an actor? I wanted to be an actor from the age of 16. Before that, I thought I might be a doctor, but it turns out, I really didn't have the brains. But, I feel like my dreams have come true. I wanted loads of kids. I haven't got as many kids as I'd like, but, um, I'm very lucky (laughs).

Did you enjoy working with the young talent in *Great Expectations*? I hate them (laughs). They're flouncing their youth all over the place, it's infuriating. That's why Miss Havisham is great, 'cause she puts them down (laughs). No, I love working with anyone of any age. You can work with a baby or someone who's in their 90s, and it's a joy. Everyone you stand across from and you look into their eyes, you learn from. I hope I never get bored of that. I hope I go on until I'm in my 90s. P

How did the costume and hair and makeup department help you become Miss Havisham? I've always said good hair, makeup and costume—that's three quarters of your job already done before you leave the van. Verity [Hawkes], the costume designer, she was a big help, because she said, "I don't see [Miss Havisham] as dusty, I see her as rotting from the inside." And I thought *Oh my god, that's it. That's great.* So the costume literally looks like mold is growing up it and you can see her heart is rotting, and I love that. And hair and makeup bleached my eyebrows and I looked bonkers for weeks and my daughter wouldn't cuddle me, but it was worth it in the long run.

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KATHRYN HAHN

On starring in Cheryl Strayed's *Tiny Beautiful Things*, playing an evil Marvel witch and raising a family out of the limelight. **BY PAULETTE COHN**

> “I still feel like I could be a receptionist at a hair salon at any moment”

With a career that spans a quarter of a century, Kathryn Hahn has no shortage of fans from her scene-stealing early roles as the quirky best friend (*Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy*) or the co-worker (*How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days*). But that number has increased at least tenfold since she joined the Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU) in 2021 in her standout role as Agatha Harkness in *WandaVision*.

But her growing popularity isn't something that Hahn is dialed into, because the two-time Emmy-nominated actress isn't on social media. Yes, it's 2023, but Hahn has no Twitter, Facebook or Instagram accounts, so she has been relatively clueless that the internet has labeled this period when her star is on the rise, “The Hahnaissance.”

“The response to Agatha was so unexpected,” Hahn told *Parade* from the set of *Agatha: Coven of Chaos*, the sequel to *WandaVision*. “I had a Spidey sense *WandaVision* was going to land, but, for me, the response was really overwhelming.”

WandaVision, which blended the style of classic sitcoms with the MCU, was a delight to film for Hahn, because the series had so many “delicious, different decades to slip in and out of, and different genres, and different sitcom worlds,” so she didn't hesitate when asked to reprise Agatha in a standalone project for Disney+.

But first, the Cleveland, Ohio-raised mother of two, 49, turned her talent to the limited series, *Tiny Beautiful Things*

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(April 7 on Hulu), adapted from a collection of essays by Cheryl Strayed from her long-running advice column "Dear Sugar." Strayed, who famously hiked the Pacific Crest Trail and wrote about it in her bestseller, *Wild*, has said that the character of Clare is who she might have become if she had never made the hike. Reese Witherspoon, who portrayed Strayed in the movie version of *Wild*, exec-produces *Tiny Beautiful Things*.

Hahn wasn't well-versed in any of Strayed's writings but was captivated by the distinct tone and grand ambition of the Hulu pilot script, which she says packed an emotional punch in the form of a half-hour TV show that's neither comedy nor drama. And then she read the source material, Strayed's book, *Tiny Beautiful Things: Advice from Dear Sugar.*

"I was like, *Wait, it's an advice column?* And this advice column is something that I would have had on my nightstand and read in a heartbeat had I known it existed. Which I do now, and just pick up and read. I'm a big old cynic. I really am not into emotional heartstrings being pulled, but there is something about this that just felt so raw and to the bone. Just unfiltered, just light shined into your eye—there's nowhere else to go but to the truth. I was really curious about jumping into the challenge of that."

Hahn's switch from supporting character to leading lady began in 2013 when she was cast as Rachel, a sexually frustrated wife who goes to a strip club to spice up her marriage in *Afternoon Delight*, and winds up hiring a stripper (Juno Temple) as her live-in nanny.

"It was a big [turning point] for me, a huge one," the graduate of the Yale School of Drama says. "I grew up in the theater, so I thought you were supposed to be a certain way to be on camera. But I was trying to fit into a certain mold." It was while filming *Afternoon Delight* that she learned that she could have the same freedoms in front of a camera that she could have on a stage, and something just clicked. "I was like, *Oh, you can be anarchic* and *in control of your narrative, and not one way or the other. All of the complexity of it and be funny still.* There was such a freedom in that as a performer."

Hahn plays an advice columnist in *Tiny Beautiful Things* (April 7 on Hulu).

JESSICA BROOKS/HULU

Hahn ran with that newfound knowledge and the roles followed, allowing her to demonstrate her versatility and emotional complexity in both comedy and drama: *Parks and Recreation, I Love Dick, Transparent*, *I Know This Much Is True, The Shrink Next Door, Bad Moms* and *Glass Onion: A Knives Out Mystery*, among others. And it's a good thing the offers rolled in because there was never a plan B for Hahn.

"I would pretend to have a backup career, but it was almost like I was acting out fantasies of what those backup careers would be," she admits. "I was like, *Oh, I'll pretend to be a marine biologist*, but it was almost like another acting exercise. It was never, ever an option for me. There was no other choice."

Hahn talked more to *Parade* about her upcoming roles and how she found her path to acting success.

What are tiny, beautiful things? Are they moments in life? They refer to things that Sugar (advice columnist Clare's nom de plume) wishes she could have told her younger self, which is that you have the right to tiny, beautiful things. There's a scene where a girl offers a purple balloon to Sugar, and she didn't believe she had the right to such a tiny, beautiful thing. And she didn't feel like she was worthy of love, or of respect or attention or having a voice, or any of those things. She had such shame and grief that she couldn't receive it. It was when she was older that she was able to look back and feel like she was able to have some sense of receiving it.

Now do I feel like the Clare in present day is able to receive it yet? No. But it is through the act of writing that we somehow transcend those beliefs we have about ourselves and find a bigger and more expansive version of ourselves. I think diary writing and journaling somehow unlocks something, an inner voice that we are bigger and better than our own cases as humans or our minds can contain. I don't think this present-day Clare feels deserving yet of any of those beautiful things, tiny or large.

Clare lost her mother while she was young, married young and is having problems with her second marriage. What about Clare spoke to you? I love the idea that we contain all of our past selves all the time. And that the older we get the more our past selves

Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy | *Crossing Jordan* | *Our Idiot Brother*

THE HAHNASSAINCE

After playing Helen in *Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy* (2004), Kathryn Hahn won a steady gig on *Crossing Jordan* (2001-2007) as grief counselor Lily Lebowski. Starting in season five, her real-life husband (**Ethan Sandler**) played her fiancé on the show. After small roles in *Our Idiot Brother* (2011) with **Paul Rudd** and *Girls* (2012), Hahn broke out as the lead, Rachel, in *Afternoon Delight* (2013), and as recurring character Jennifer Barkley in *Parks & Recreation* (2012-2015). She was Carla in *Bad Moms* (2016) and *A Bad Moms Christmas* (2017) with Mila Kunis and Kristen Bell, and was Emmy-nominated for her take on powerful witch Agatha Harkness in *WandaVision* (2021). Following her roles as Connecticut governor Claire Debella in *Glass Onion* (2022) and her run as Clare in *Tiny Beautiful Things*, she'll recreate her Agatha Harkness role in the upcoming *Agatha: Coven of Chaos.*

Afternoon Delight | *Parks & Recreation*

Bad Moms | *WandaVision*

Glass Onion | *Agatha: Coven of Chaos*

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start rising to the surface because, of course, we don't heal our younger self as we're living it. It takes a long time to even realize what has been hurt or broken. And sometimes it is in becoming a parent, it's in becoming a partner, it's in becoming an employee, it's in our relationships with others that we realize what it is in ourselves that needs healing. And so that was really compelling.

There's such a contrast between Clare's ability (as Sugar) to give advice to other people and her inability to fix her own life. Is "Dear Sugar" a place to face her history and turn her experiences into empathy for others? I think "Dear Sugar" is a culminating event. When we find Clare, every aspect of her life is starting to fall apart. Her job, her marriage, her relationship with her daughter and her relationship with all of her coping mechanisms are falling apart. And the things that she used to use—hanging out with other people, alcohol, her sense of humor, all those things—are not working for her anymore.

And so, the thing that she used to love more than anything, which was to write, is the thing that sustained her when she was a child when her mom was alive. Her mom's belief in her and support in her becoming a writer has been hibernating for so long. And so, when this person from her past comes out of the woodwork to say, "Write this column for me anonymously," like a volcano, it erupts something in her that she didn't realize had been so bottled up.

So all of these things that she's been sitting on, all of these feelings that had been pent up, erupt out. So, of course, stuff is going to start to erupt that she's not in control of. I think why so many

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people have responded to Cheryl's Sugar—and I think why I responded to Clare's Sugar—is that these are advice columnists that don't have the answers.

They both don't know what they're talking about, but what they can speak to anonymously is their truth. And so, people as readers can feel the truth. There's something unflinchingly honest about their truth that is a relief as a reader to hear. And I think that's why people respond to the advice. Which is not even advice, it's just active listening really, in word form, that happens to include stories from their life.

This project was conceived by women and written and run by a woman with other women executive producers. Was that essential? Yeah, it was very important we had women directors. It was very important that it be a woman at this age in her life. Because I think that there is also a scarcity of projects in which a woman is going through this particular portal into a different phase of her life, a woman that has been told that you're supposed to be a certain way and she's bottled up so many things for so long. And at a certain point, the point of entrance between what you're feeling and what you're supposed to present to the world, it becomes untenable. And I think that that's why it's such a relief to have this kind of outlet.

When were you bitten by the acting bug? Honestly, I think, from kindergarten. I took a little class at Saint Ann's, which was my elementary school in Cleveland, Ohio. Then I convinced my parents to let me take classes at the Cleveland Play House. I was what was called a "Curtain Puller." I never actually got to pull any curtains. I took classes there every Saturday and I just knew in my bones; I just knew that that's what I was going to do.

How incredible to have that certitude at such a young age. And it was nuts because I didn't know how or what it would look like. I just knew that's what it was. I didn't see myself winning awards or anything, I just saw myself acting. I just knew it.

Hahn with husband Ethan Sandler, daughter Mae and son Leonard in year in 2017.

Your determination led you to some of the best acting programs in the country. What did it take to make that happen? Your parents obviously weren't familiar with the acting world. No, and they were very up front with the fact that if I wanted to go that I would have to get there myself because we didn't come from a family that was able to afford those kinds of programs. And so, I had my eye on the prize. I knew that I had to get really good grades in high school to get myself into Northwestern and to get scholarships. My parents contributed as much as they could, but I mostly got scholarships and a ton of student loans and got myself through Northwestern.

Then the same thing with Yale. I didn't go there right after undergrad, which most students do. There were a couple years of odd jobs and non-paying acting gigs. It was mostly because I just wanted somewhere to act that I got myself into a master's program. I remember somebody saying, "You're missing out on your ingenue years if you go to Yale and spend these three years." I was like, "I'm not an ingenue. I don't care. No one's hiring me, I would rather be acting." I knew I was moving away from the traditional Hollywood path, but I didn't care. I was rehearsing Shakespeare at two in the morning with other ragtag misfits.

You moved to New York for a little bit, and you worked odd jobs. Ethan Sandler, 50, who you met at Northwestern, went with you but you were not yet married. Was he also trying to get acting jobs at that point? Yeah, he was working at a Starbucks, and I worked as a receptionist at a hair salon right after Northwestern. We lived in a one-room studio where you open up the door and hit the shower. We would get in fights. Basically, I kept being like, "When you shave, you have to rinse out the hair before I try to clean the dishes." We only had one sink. It was that kind of an apartment. I look back on those days, though, so fondly. That was the New York of my dreams.

You've performed Shakespeare and yet at the beginning of your professional career you did so many comedies. Is that because you have a great sense of humor? I definitely didn't go the sketch comedy route. *SNL* wasn't a route that

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called to me. Stand-up didn't call to me. But I was always the class clown. I was never "the most graceful one" in the class. But I still didn't see myself as a comedian, I just saw myself as an actor, wanting to play all the parts.

I grew up in the shadow of the Cleveland Play House. An actor to me was someone in a company that was able to play Ophelia and then do a musical. An actor was somebody able to play a variety of different genres, to be able to switch between comedy and drama.

And an actor was somebody for whom the script was everything. And so, it was interesting for me after Yale to have my first job be on [the TV show] *Crossing Jordan*, which was a whole world of like *What?* I was so grateful for the job because I had so much debt, and also, I had so many teachers on that. I was cast as the quirky person in the morgue, so it was kind of funny but kind of not. I learned so much.

But the comedy, I think I just started leaning into where I was cast. It wasn't conscious, it just was, I guess…this class-clown part of my personality is who I am, my DNA. I don't know. My family is very funny. My family has a wicked, wicked sense of humor, everybody on all sides. I'm in awe of how funny they are. It was like you had to keep up because everybody was just very funny.

Glass Onion went to the top of the Netflix charts. It's an ensemble movie. Do you recall a favorite day of shooting or a favorite scene? Talk about going back to your roots. That [shoot] felt so close to those amazing Cleveland Play House Saturday mornings of being in a rep company. That came so close to that feeling of an ensemble, it really and truly did. What [director] Rian [Johnson] and Daniel [Craig] created with this group of people was as good as it gets. It just felt so welcoming and warm. Because of the nature of it—especially for that big last scene which took a while to shoot, and we were in Belgrade for a lot of it—we really did have a green room that we all were in until they were ready to shoot. And so, in between setups, we would just all be together. We were either playing chess—Leslie [Odom Jr.] taught me how to play chess, everyone else seemed to know it—or we would play guitar and dance or do yoga.

They would say, "Okay, we're ready for you," and we would all go out and we would be there to support each other for each other's coverage. It was magic. There were so many favorite days. I think there were some evenings in Greece, when we were all on those steps together, that were pretty magical, too. The air was so perfect and to see all of us in those amazing clothes designed by Jenny Eagan, that was all just magic.

You and Ethan Sandler married in 2002 and you have two kids [Leonard, 16, and Mae, 13]. You live in Los Angeles—and yet we rarely see your family in paparazzi pics. Do you strive to have a normal home life—and does that give you what you need to then go out and act? I don't think of [living a normal life] consciously, but I think that it must be because I feel like I'm just still the same person [I always was]. I always want to feel that same feeling. Whenever I'm working on anything, I want to feel that we're all in it together. I'm excited to be able to just have the opportunity. But then, like anybody, I still feel like I could be a receptionist at a hair salon at any moment. I think everybody feels the same way. P

HAHN'S HOT LIST

FAVE FOOD Right now, it is ***watermelon***. I can't get enough of it. But I also really, really love just spaghetti with tomato sauce.

CURRENTLY WATCHING ***Aftersun***. That movie just blew my mind. I can't believe it was that woman's [Charlotte Wells] first feature. It is extraordinary.

IDEA OF BLISS Being on a road trip with my family and my dogs.

CURRENT MUSIC PLAYLIST Any **Kid Cudi**. I love Kid Cudi.

WOULD LOVE TO WORK WITH Oh, gosh, there are so many humans that I really love. I'm going to say **Noémie Merlant**, the woman from *Portrait of a Lady on Fire*.

Go to ***Parade.com/agatha-coven***
for more on Hahn's witchy Marvel role.

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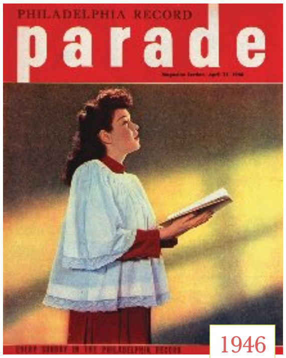
1945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Sunday Star-Ledger

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Once daylight saving time kicks in, spring is not far off. Over the past 80+ years, *Parade* magazine celebrated the season with whimsical covers (chicks, tulips, Easter eggs) and lots and lots of Easter hats. *Parade* also looked at the state of religion in America and abroad, with a review of books on Jerusalem, a story by President Eisenhower's pastor and and interview with Pope John Paul II.

—*Anne Krueger*

March 18, 1945

That's model **Arline Dahlman** on the cover of *Parade*, prepared for spring showers in rainwear by Sherman Bros. The photo is by Pagano Studios.

April 18, 1954

Actress **Deborah Kerr** and her daughter, **Melanie**, 6, show off their new Easter bonnets (by Emme) on *Parade*. Kerr had filmed *From Here to Eternity* with Burt Lancaster and Montgomery Clift in 1953 and would become even more popular after *The King and I* with Yul Brynner (1956) and *An Affair to Remember* with Cary Grant (1957) were released.

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The Detroit Free Press
College Students Ask About God
We Learn to Fight in the Arctic

April 6, 1958

"Baby Candi gets an Easter bonnet" is the caption on this vintage cover. Inside, President Eisenhower's pastor, The Rev. Dr. Edward L. R. Elson, explains the meaning of Easter: "Easter is the great divide of the centuries, the pivotal point of history. We sing about it; we shout about it. And well we might. For Easter is more than a day. It is a way of life."

THE JOURNAL GAZETTE
Parade
What's happening to Sunday?

The Hartford Courant
Parade
Dancing becomes big business as Americans spend $150,000,000 a year to learn the new steps
A REVIVAL IN FAMILY PRAYER
March 29, 1959
Jill is up to her ears in Easter bunnies

March 29, 1959

On the cover, three-year-old **Jill Robin Lewis** is in a sea of Steiff bunnies loaned to *Parade* from the famous FAO Schwarz toy store.

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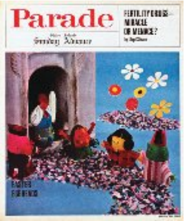
San Jose Mercury-News
PARADE
It's easy for your child to get a gun
The Cinderella tragedy of Constance Smith

March 18, 1962

Dig those bonnets (fake fruit, Miss Muffet brims and perky ribbons)! For even more, go to ***Parade.com/best-hats*** for 80 years of spring toppers. Try to ignore that ominous headline for a story inside the magazine: "It's easy for *your* child to get a gun," by *Parade* Washington bureau chief Jack Anderson.


Parade
Fertility drugs: miracle or menace?

March 26, 1967

With a little imagination (and Rit Easter Egg Color Dye kits), you can be a celebrity egg cracker, *Parade* punned. "There's the Hubert Humphrey egg. It cracks a smile. The Dean Martin egg cracks ice. The Joe Namath egg cracks a knee. The Willie Sutton egg cracks a safe. The Steve Allen egg cracks up. It's an all-star cast, but the cast is dye."

April 22, 1962

Historians believed the first Easter parades were made up of men, women and children from medieval European towns. Togged out in their Sunday best, the townsfolk would promenade into the open country on "Easter walks," pausing for prayers and hymns. A crucifix or an Easter candle often led the procession. After the Reformation in the 16th century, the walk gradually lost its religious significance but the custom persisted. In the 1910s, paraders might have been garbed in the fashions featured on the cover, *Parade* reported. Today (in 1962), parade-goers still sported pastel-colored hats and finery on main streets across America.

Peoria Journal Star
PARADE
EASTER PARADE 50 YEARS AGO: HOW THE FASHIONS HAVE CHANGED
Parade visits the Holy Land and finds
SEVEN LIVING BIBLE HEROES

March 30, 1975

Parade's story about 49-square-mile Jerusalem reviewed a guide to its holy sites, a religious history book and a cookbook that featured a chicken soup recipe from former Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir. The cover photos captured daily life in Jerusalem, including priests, Hasidic Jews and a young boy leading sheep in the marketplace in the Old City.

TIMES UNION
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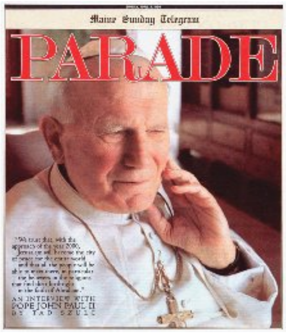
Jerusalem — City of Endless Fascination
The Government's Nuclear Hideaways How Secret? How Safe?


Maine Sunday Telegram
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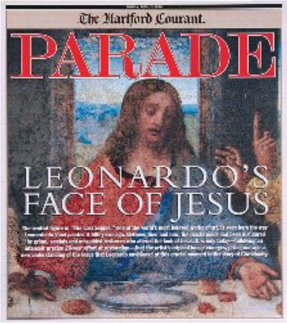
AN INTERVIEW WITH POPE JOHN PAUL II BY TAD SZULC

April 3, 1994

In an interview with Pope John Paul II, he said, "We trust that, with the approach of the year 2000, Jerusalem will become the city of peace for the entire world and that all the people will be able to meet there, in particular the believers in the religions that find their birthright in the faith of Abraham."


The Hartford Courant
PARADE
LEONARDO'S FACE OF JESUS

April 12, 1998

In "Leonardo's Face of Jesus," *Parade* reported on the restoration of Leonardo da Vinci's "The Last Supper" in Milan, Italy. For 20 years, Dr. Pinin Brambilla Barcilon had been using high-powered microscopes, surgical scalpels and special solvents to help remove 500 years of disfiguring grime, glue and plaster from the famous mural painting. Nearly 16 years earlier, *Parade*'s cover story on the effort inspired readers to send 1,700 letters and $39,000 to help buy air conditioning for the museum doing the restoration.

CAN YOU NAME IT?

Welcome to our "The Mysteries of Hearing" edition of *Parade*'s Can You Name It? quiz. Answers on p. 18.

1. What causes the roar you hear when you put a conch seashell next to your ear?

A. The ocean
B. Blood rushing through the veins in your ears
C. An echo of your heartbeat

2. Which sound is loudest?

A. Tornado

B. Rock concert

C. Exploding firecrackers

3. Who has the most sensitive hearing?

A. Dogs
B. Cats
C. Bats

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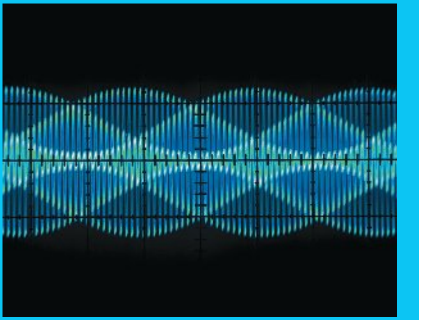
4. What does 70 decibels (dB) sound like?

A. Standing next to a running dishwasher or clothes washer
B. Working in an open office
C. The noise inside a car at 60 mph

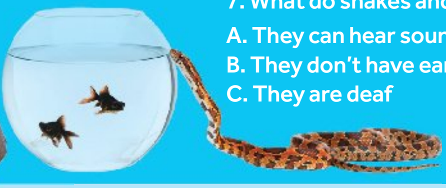
5. At 180 decibels, the Krakatoa volcanic eruption in Indonesia in 1883 created one of the loudest sounds ever reported. How far away was its impact felt?

A. It ruptured sailors' eardrums 40 miles away
B. It sounded like a distant gunshot nearly 3,000 miles away
C. It measured 172 decibels at 100 miles away



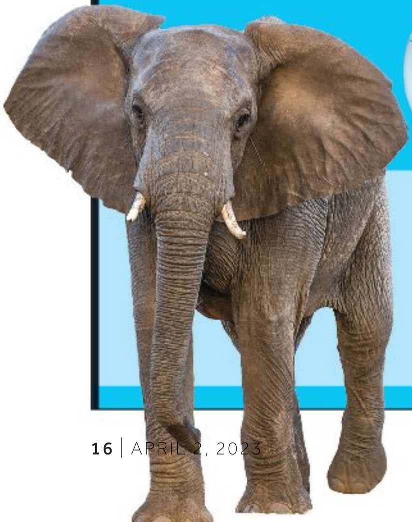
6. What was the origin of the strange sound called "the Bloop" heard in the South Pacific Ocean in 1997?

A. Sea beast
B. Mermaids
C. Iceberg



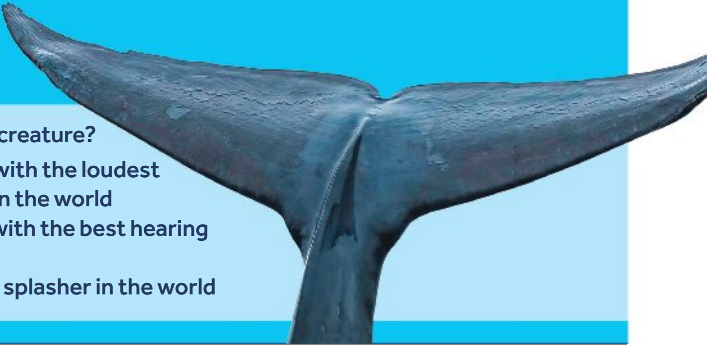
7. What do snakes and fish have in common?

A. They can hear sounds from 100 miles away
B. They don't have ears
C. They are deaf



8. What aids elephants in their excellent hearing?

A. Their large ears
B. Their trunks
C. The soles of their feet

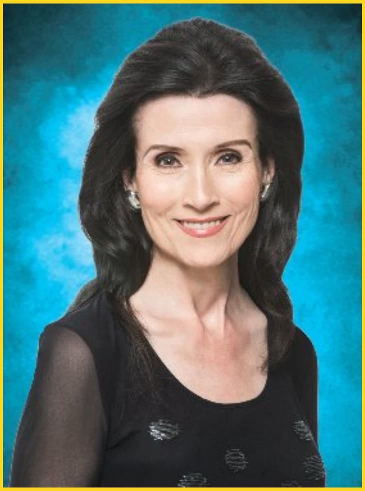


9. What is this creature?

A. The animal with the loudest mating call in the world
B. The animal with the best hearing in the world
C. The loudest splasher in the world

Ask Marilyn

BY MARILYN VOS SAVANT



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Do veterans of wars return home with damaged hearing from all of the horrendous noise they suffered? Surely soldiers can't wear adequate hearing protection as they need to at least hear each other and much more.

—James Sinkus, Slatington, Pennsylvania

Indeed, it's a huge problem. A great many troops return with everything from permanent ringing in their ears to hearing loss. Although they are provided with specialized hearing protection during training and on duty, some don't use it because they want their senses to be more acute in certain situations, others don't wear the protection correctly and still others lose it in the heat of action. According to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, "Hearing problems...are by far the most prevalent service-connected disability among American Veterans." They can include soldiers, sailors, pilots and marines. Noise is a part of almost every military career.

Hearing damage occurs in two main ways. One is the obvious: short-duration exposure to extremely loud noise, such as an explosion. But a less-well-known cause is long-term exposure to lower-level noise, which wouldn't cause damage in short bursts.

Military officials are actively exploring all possible avenues of prevention and treatment, even including trials of various new drugs.

CLASSIC ASK MARILYN

THE NUMBER CHALLENGE

OCTOBER 12, 1997

I recently concocted a brain teaser. How can you change the position of just one of the following five digits to make this equation correct?

—Mel Stover, Winnipeg, Canada

$$62 - 63 = 1$$

Find solutions to Marilyn's puzzles and this week's Numbrix on the next page!

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THE NUMBER CHALLENGE

Here's how you can change the position of just one of the following five digits to make this equation correct: 62 – 63 = 1.

$$2^6 - 63 = 1$$

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April 2, 2023

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CAN YOU NAME IT? FROM P. 16

1. **B.** The sound you hear when a seashell is next to your ear is not the roar of the ocean, although that is a lovely thought. It is simply the sound of the **BLOOD RUSHING THROUGH YOUR VEINS** amplified by the shell.

2. **C. EXPLODING FIRECRACKERS** are usually the loudest offender in our trio, but all three are dangerously loud. Rock concerts are typically 120 dB or above. Tornados can reach decibel levels of 130+. Firecrackers often emit a sound that is 150-175 decibels. Loud noises above 120 dB can cause immediate hearing damage, and duration counts too: Three hours at a loud concert can have a lasting impact.

3. **C.** Sorry, dog lovers: Although a dog can hear sounds four times further away than humans can, a cat's sensitive ears can hear much better than dogs, up to frequencies of 64,000 hertz (very high sounds). But **BATS** are even better listeners than cats: They can pick up sounds as high as 200,000 Hz (a very, very high range), thanks to their system of echolocation; emitting ultrasonic sounds and measuring the length of time before the sounds echo back. Dolphins also have great hearing and use echolocation under water.

4. **A, B & C.** Each of these things/situations—**A RUNNING DISHWASHER OR WASHER, NOISE INSIDE THE RUNNING CAR AND OFFICE SOUNDS**—are equivalent to about 70 dB, which is the midrange of what humans can hear (from 0 to 120-140, which is the sound pain threshold). Even though 70 dB is a moderate noise level, you should avoid prolonged exposure to it. If you work in a noisy open office, for example, wearing noise-cancelling headphones can help protect your hearing.

5. **A, B & C.** The Krakatoa volcanic eruption killed 36,000 people and was so loud it was **HEARD AS FAR AS 3,000 MILES AWAY** (that's about the distance between Boston and San Francisco!). It did **PIERCE THE EARDRUMS OF SAILORS 40 MILES AWAY** out to sea and it still **MEASURED 172 DECIBELS AT 100 MILES AWAY.**

6. **C.** The Bloop was heard by submerged microphones in the South Pacific ocean monitored by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Speculation was rampant—from blaming mermaids to deep-sea creatures—but the NOAA concluded that it was the sound of **ICEBERGS BREAKING APART**, creating what's called an icequake.

7. **B. SNAKES AND FISH DON'T HAVE EARS**, but they can hear. Snakes use their jawbones to sense vibrations and fish hear through the ridges on their bodies that communicate with auditory nerves.

8. **A, B & C.** Dumbo may have been mocked for the size of his ears, but elephants can hear frequencies 20 times lower than humans can. Their **BIG EARS** help, as do **RECEPTORS IN THEIR TRUNKS AND FEET** that pick up low frequencies.

9. **A.** The **BLUE WHALE HAS THE LOUDEST MATING CALL** in the animal kingdom, reaching 180+ decibels (dB). That's as loud as or louder than a jet plane taking off right next to you.

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